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Lieberman likely to be questioned this week

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

The special police team investigating the alleged Bar-On-for-Hebron deal has "substantive suspicion of significant civic corruption" in the procedures which led to the abortive appointment of Rami Bar-On for attorney-general, Channel 1 reporter Amnon Abramovitz said on Friday night.

The investigation began after Channel 1 reported a week-and-a-half ago that Bar-On's appointment was part of a deal in which Shas leader MK Aryeh Deri was promised a plea bargain by Bar-On, in exchange for Shas's support in the Hebron agreement. Deri, according to the story, threatened to quit the government unless Bar-On was appointed.

Close aides of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and other politicians are expected to be interrogated this week, including Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman, Justice Minister Ezer Weizman, Deri, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, and Likud activist David Appel.

Abramovitz said the investigators intend to focus on the bad personal relations in Netanyahu's bureau, saying "perhaps the investigation will lead to the conclusion that Netanyahu was the victim of a manipulation (by those) beneath him. I would say that if he was a victim, he was the victim of his personal taste in picking close assistants and advisers."

The reportedly dysfunctional relations in the prime minister's bureau were further exposed last week by the resignation of bureau chief David Agmon after only three months in the job. Agmon, who was interviewed in *Ma'ariv's* weekend magazine, told Sima Kadmon that he was blocked by Lieberman and cabinet secretary Danny Naveh, and isolated from the decision-making process and even from setting the prime minister's schedule and appointments, his primary duties.

Abramovitz said the investigation is now concentrating on suspicions of conspiracy and bribery. He noted that among the eight questioned by the police last

week, there were two whose names had not been previously released: Likud legal adviser Eitan Haberman and Channel 1's news section director Rafik Halaby.

Haberman said, according to Abramovitz, that "No matter how you turn this affair or how you look at it, it stinks to high heaven." Haberman, whose name was mentioned as one of the candidates for attorney-general, reportedly said there was improper conduct both concerning the procedures of the appointment and concerning him personally. "Ultimately, the affair will boil down to what happened between Wednesday morning, January 8, to which attorney Dan Avi-Yitzhak was still Netanyahu's preferred candidate for attorney-general and the following evening, in which Avi-Yitzhak's candidacy was dropped, after it was discovered that he was to be interrogated by the police shortly," Abramovitz said.

"On Thursday afternoon (January 9) Haberman got a phone call from the Prime Minister's Office telling him that at Friday's cabinet meeting they would not be raising the Hebron agreement, but the issue of the attorney-general, and to get ready for it. [On that Friday Bar-On's appointment was sprung on the cabinet and approved.] What did they tell Lieberman during that day-and-a-half, what did Lieberman pass on to Netanyahu, that is the question," he added.

Channel 1 also reported that Deri and Appel, two of the key figures in the affair, came this past Thursday to the home of Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef for the inauguration of a new section in the rabbi's house. Appel donated some \$80,000 for the study hall of Moshe Yosef, Rabbi Ovadia's son.

Yediot Aharanot's Mordechai Gilat reported last Friday that the police have already found one of the people they questioned in the affair to be lying, and exposed recent attempts to disrupt the investigation.

At the end of this week the police will decide whether to ask the court for an injunction ordering Channel 1 to reveal its sources.

Further withdrawal is key to Syrian track - Moussa



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is surrounded by security men and aides while walking in the streets of Davos, Switzerland near his hotel yesterday.

Netanyahu to visit Amman on Wednesday

By DAVID MAKOVSKY

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is expected to hold talks with Jordan's King Hussein in Amman on Wednesday, amid hopes in Jerusalem for an improvement in Israel's regional standing in the aftermath of the Hebron accord.

Officials also hope that Netanyahu's visit will be a harbinger for the warming of bilateral ties, which deteriorated following the opening of the Western Wall Tunnel exit last September.

Other efforts to boost ties may include a visit by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai to Amman this month, and perhaps the arrival of Crown Prince Hassan in Israel shortly.

Hassan was due to visit in October, but canceled due to the deteriorating climate. Hassan has been offered honorary doctorates in Israel, and has been asked to give speeches at univer-

sities to outline his vision for the region.

Sources say that a visit by Hussein is also likely "sometime this spring." While Hussein made a quick trip to Tel Aviv last month to help broker a compromise on further pullbacks in the West Bank, his last non-crisis visit was about a year ago when he inaugurated the Yitzhak Rabin medical wing at Ichilov Hospital.

A Jordanian official said, "I think visits in both directions in the months ahead are pending" but refused to elaborate.

A Netanyahu visit to Amman would also offer an opportunity to deal with unresolved bilateral issues.

For example, officials say the final go-ahead is needed for the construction of a new airport in Akaba. A feasibility study has determined that it would not be economically viable to construct a joint Jordanian-Israeli airport on the

Akaba-Eilat border. Instead, it appears that the airport would be constructed in Akaba, but arrangements would be worked out so it could be used by Israel.

Officials are also aiming to resolve Jordanian water claims under the 1994 peace treaty.

Jordan would also like to see a continuation of the trend in which Israel has allowed a reduction in tariffs on Jordanian exports to Israel and the territories. There have been discussions on creating an Israel-Jordan business council, bringing together industrialists on both sides.

Israel also hopes to soon obtain Jordanian approval for Israelis to cross into Jordan via the Allenby Bridge in the West Bank, in addition to Sheikh Hussein bridge in the North and north of Eilat. The Jordanian position, however, is that this is a "trilateral" issue, requiring the permission of the Palestinians.

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Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said yesterday that Israeli withdrawal from remaining parts of Palestinian land is the key both to better relations with Egypt and progress towards peace with Syria.

Speaking at the Swiss resort of Davos, where he is attending the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum, Moussa said a bad atmosphere in relations stemmed from the initial policies and actions of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu after he was elected last May.

Netanyahu is to meet with both Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat today. Last night, the three attended a dinner together.

Mubarak last met with Netanyahu in July, but later accused him of reneging on agreements and refused to meet him again until Israel reached an agreement with the Palestinians on Hebron.

"The bad atmosphere was not personal," Moussa told Reuters. "We had reservations about certain policies and practices, but we see in the Hebron agreement [signed last month] and in particular the time frame for further withdrawals a positive sign that would help change the atmosphere."

"Now we have to actively pursue the rest of the steps of the Palestinian-Israeli track, first of which is to withdraw or redeploy from the villages and the rest of the land of the Palestinians - this will be the key to change," he added.

Moussa said Syria, which has had no direct talks with the present Israeli government, has good reason to be suspicious of Israel's commitment to anything it signs. "But if the Hebron agreement and the annexed [agreement] on the next steps are implemented, then the Syrians and Lebanese will see that Israel is respecting what it has signed. So the signing of the Hebron agreement, coupled with implementation, would certainly encourage the Syrians and Lebanese or at least show there is a positive point in getting a deal with the government of Israel," he

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Nicaragua to open embassy here

MANAGUA (Reuters) - Nicaragua plans to open its first-ever embassy in Israel as part of the foreign policy of new President Arnoldo Aleman, a government official said Friday.

"In a desire to strengthen its ties with the nation of Israel, the government of Nicaragua is proceeding with the steps necessary to open an embassy in that country," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Claudia Paniagua told Reuters.

The proposed embassy follows the reestablishment of diplomatic relations between the countries in 1992 under former Nicaraguan President Violeta Chamorro.

Paniagua said the government had not yet decided where it will locate the embassy or when it will open.

Under the left-wing Sandinista government, which ruled Nicaragua from 1979-1990 with Soviet and Cuban backing, relations between the countries were poor.

Researchers get closer look at human brain

By JUDY SEGEL

Bar-Ilan University and Ichilov Hospital researchers, using a unique brain monitor they developed, have proven for the first time the presence of repression of electric activity in the human brain, until now known only in animals.

Senior neuroscientist and physiologist Prof. Avraham Mayevsky says the discovery - published in the winter issue of *Brain Research* - will bring about better understanding of the physiological processes involved in strokes, epileptic attacks, migraine and other traumatic brain events and help develop better drugs to treat them.

The phenomenon shown in human brains is called cortical spreading depression (CSD); it has nothing to do with psychological depression, but refers to the repression of electro-encephalogram (electrical) activity that spreads in the cortex of the brain from the site of stimulation to the rest of the hemisphere. It proceeds for several minutes, after which regular

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NEWS

in brief

Two pedestrians killed on roads

Two pedestrians were struck and killed by vehicles yesterday. In Haifa, a woman tourist from Georgia, 44, was struck by a car as she was crossing the street. The impact threw her into the path of a second car, which ran over her. She died shortly after being brought to Rambam Hospital.

In Tel Aviv earlier in the day, an 83-year-old man was fatally injured when he was struck by a motorcycle while crossing the street.

Since Friday, Magen David Adom ambulance crews treated the victims of 147 road accidents; four were severely injured, three were moderately hurt, and 200 were lightly injured. Last month 55 persons died on the country's roads. *lim*

Missing youth found

Lior Giartana, who disappeared from his home in Hod Hasharon last week on the eve of his induction into the army, was found alive and well on Friday. He is to be summoned to a draft office to explain why he did not report to the army.

His mother, Shlomit, said he was afraid of the army, but hoped he would find his place there. He told his parents he slept on the upper floors of the Ramat Gan Diamond Exchange building, drank water and ate biscuits, and was unable to call his parents because the telephones did not work properly. He finally reached them Friday, and they came and picked him up. *lim*

Eight hurt in classroom floor collapse

Seven third-graders and their teacher were lightly injured on Friday morning when the floor of their Rehovot classroom collapsed into a cesspool, due to heavy rain which flooded the area and loosened the earth under the room, police said. The Ben-Gurion Elementary School pupils and their teacher dropped some 3 meters, and were pulled out by security officers. They were brought to Rehovot's Kaplan Hospital and released after receiving treatment. *lim*

Shahak: Withdrawal from Lebanon won't bring security

A unilateral IDF withdrawal from the security zone is not a solution to Israel's conflict in Lebanon, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said Friday. "There is no one with whom to make a deal. As far as I know, the Lebanese government is not willing and is not able to take responsibility [in South Lebanon.] If it could take responsibility it could have prevented the past two Katyusha attacks on the North," said Shahak, who was speaking to reporters while visiting at Haifa's Rambam Hospital with Roi Regev, 19, a soldier moderately wounded in south

Lebanon last week. Regev's condition improved over the weekend and he was moved out of the intensive care unit. "In the meantime, we must continue to rely only on ourselves... and continue fighting in South Lebanon," he said. Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who was visiting the hospital with Shahak, said he held Lebanon responsible for what happens in its territory. Mordechai said such attacks do not help the peace process, and warned all those who use terror in south Lebanon that they should know the consequences of such moves.

At the same time, he said "we must move forward in the search for formulas for reaching a settlement in Lebanon." Mordechai, Shahak and OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine also visited IDF posts on the Lebanese border on Friday and were given a report on Wednesday night's attack. "Meanwhile, one of the fallen soldiers, Sgt. Niv Sadan was buried on Friday at Kibbutz Megiddo in the Jezreel Valley. Hundreds of comrades, family members and friends attended the funeral. Tension remained high in southern

Lebanon yesterday, as Hizbullah detonated a roadside bomb near an infantry patrol of the South Lebanese Army militia. But Lebanese security officials said there were no casualties in that attack or in a rocket strike later in the day on an SLA outpost in the mountains. There was no responsibility claimed for that attack. On Friday, Israeli helicopter gunships strafed suspected guerrilla positions in the south, apparently in pursuit of infiltrators who detonated a roadside bomb earlier in the day near an IDF patrol, causing no casualties. *(lim)*

Arafat to present PM with grievances Rules out 3-way summit with Netanyahu, Mubarak

DAVOS, Switzerland (Reuter) - Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat yesterday ruled out a tripartite Middle East summit here, adding he did not even expect much from bilateral talks with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Arafat, in his Swiss resort for the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum, was speaking after meeting his friend and ally, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. "I kept him (Mubarak) informed

of the hot situation in my country," Arafat told reporters. He was apparently referring to Palestinian complaints that Israel is dragging its feet on setting up committees to negotiate matters left over from old agreements. Palestinian Education Minister Hanan Ashrawi said yesterday that Arafat would take the opportunity of his presence in Davos to air the Palestinian grievances.

"We have of course written statements which the president will take with him to Davos... and we will submit it to the sponsors and of course to the international community," Ashrawi told reporters in Gaza. The Palestinian cabinet in a statement complained that a joint committee on releasing Palestinian prisoners had yet to meet. It also said that Israel was delaying work on a Gaza sea port and implementation of a "safe passage" between Gaza and the West Bank through Israel, preventing operation of Gaza airport and holding up

donations from abroad in its ports. "The continuation of these measures could mean the end of the current chance to continue the peace process and push the region and its people again into the past of clashes and confrontations," the cabinet statement said. Arafat, asked if he and Mubarak might have a three-way meeting with Netanyahu, said: "No, there will be no tripartite meeting." Asked if he expected any breakthrough in his own planned meeting with Netanyahu, he said: "No, things are not moving at all."

"We will ask (Netanyahu) for exact and accurate implementation of what has been signed," he added. Israeli and Egyptian officials had earlier said no three-way meeting was planned but a Palestinian spokesman said on Friday his delegation had no objection. The issues on which the Palestinians want rapid progress include the release of prisoners, Israeli obstructions to work on a Gaza seaport and to opening Gaza airport, and creation of a "safe passage" corridor between Gaza and the West Bank.



Last Friday of Ramadan
Border policemen arrest a Palestinian man in Hebron on Friday, after a scuffle broke out with worshipers trying to enter the packed Ibrahim Mosque in the Machpela Cave. In Jerusalem, some 200,000 Moslem worshipers attended prayers at the Temple Mount shrines on the last Friday of the holy month of Ramadan. About 3,500 policemen and troops enforced order and carried out strict security checks, prompting several hundred worshipers to avoid roadblocks by tramping across muddy fields. There were no checks at entrances leading to Al-Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, where worshipers heard Imam Yussef Abu Sniha of Hebron say: "This is a phony peace. The Israelis are living in a race against time to turn Palestinian land and the Golan into a cancer in the heart of the Arab nation." (Text: Nini; Photo: Reuter)

US: Israel and PA violate human rights

By HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON - While the human rights situation in the territories showed "some improvements," both Israeli and Palestinian security forces committed "serious" human rights abuses over the past year, the State Department has concluded. It also called conditions at Israeli prisons in the territories "poor" and Palestinian prisons "very poor." The department's annual global human rights report, released last week, found that the Palestinian Authority occasionally used "excessive force" in attempting to root out terrorism, and there were "credible reports" that such force included torture. "The PA also continued to harass, detain and abuse journalists and political activists who criticized the PA. Although the

Rights group says PA security tortured man to death

From Post news agencies
Palestinian security forces tortured to death a Palestinian man during interrogation in Nablus, a Palestinian human rights group said yesterday. Palestinian officials confirmed the man, Yussef Baba, had died, but did not say how. They said they are investigating the cause of his death. "This morning... Yussef Baba, 32, died from wounds inflicted from torture during interrogation by the Palestinian military intelligence," a statement issued by the Jerusalem-based Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment said. It said the incident occurred in a Nablus lockup. Nablus police commander Jamil Hamdi told Reuters: "It is true that Yussef Baba has died. We have sent the prosecutor-general to investigate and we are waiting for a medical report on the cause of his death." Baba, a land dealer, was arrested on January 3 on suspicion of making an improper property sale, the rights organization said. Human rights groups have accused Palestinian security forces of systematic torture of prisoners and have charged that

the Palestinian Authority is not doing enough to end the abuse. The Palestinian Authority denies systematic torture, but it has investigated cases of prisoners' deaths in detention and has vowed to fight abuses. In August, a Palestinian military court sentenced three Palestinian policemen to long jail terms after it found them guilty of torturing a prisoner to death. According to the organization, nine Palestinians have been tortured to death while under interrogation since the Palestinian Authority began self-rule in the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank in 1994. Baba died in Rafidiya Hospital in Nablus around 10 a.m., about an hour after he was brought in from the Palestinian central prison in the city, according to hospital workers. A nurse told The Associated Press that Baba had welts along the right side of his body, and that his right arm was badly bruised and swollen. She said she asked the man what happened to him, and he said "They beat me very badly." The rights organization, which is also an affiliate member of the Paris-based International Federation for Human Rights, said it had affidavits from hospital workers that Baba was tortured to death.

Marzook urges his supporters to 'stay calm'

By MARILYN HENRY
Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzook, after his abrupt announcement that he would not challenge extradition to Israel, has urged his supporters to react coolly, according to a prison interview in *The New York Times*. "I say to everyone, 'You have to be calm,'" Abu Marzook said in the account published in yesterday's editions of the *Times*. "I'm always asking my people to be calm." Abu Marzook, who has been detained in the US since July 1995, last week suddenly withdrew his legal challenge to extradition to Israel, where he faces terror charges. The Gaza-born engineer, head of the political wing of Hamas, is accused of funneling funds that were used by Hamas in terror attacks. His case has become a political "hot potato," one of his American lawyers said last week, saying that his extradition would incite "extremists on both sides" and that Abu Marzook would become a "martyr." A Hamas spokesman warned last week that Abu Marzook's extradition could provoke efforts to "punish America." *Yediot Aharonot* Friday quoted officials in Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's office as saying that a renewal of the extradition request was now under review. As one option, security officials will recommend to the prime minister that Israel withdraw the extradition request, the newspaper said. In such a case, Abu Marzook, who is not a US citizen, might be deported, the newspaper said. Abu Marzook, 46, faces no charges in the US, which jailed him because his name appeared on an FBI "watch list." Once he was detained, Israel requested his extradition, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. However, the *Times* said, Israel is reviewing its request, and Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat has asked the US not to send Abu Marzook to Israel.

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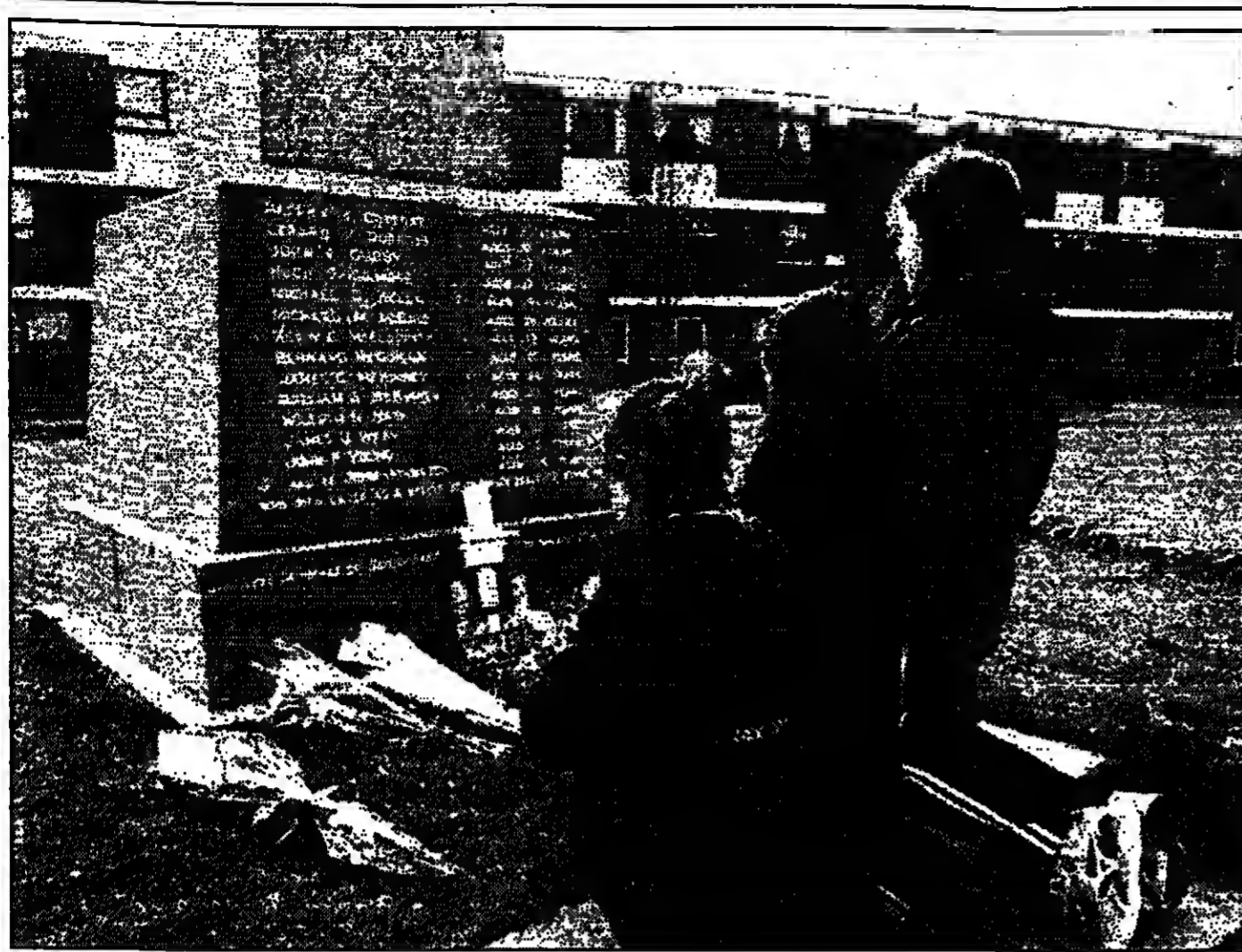
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25 years later
Youngsters kneel after laying flowers yesterday at the memorial for the 14 people killed on Bloody Sunday in Londonderry, Northern Ireland. On January 30, 1972 British troops opened fire on civil rights marchers protesting internment. (AP)

Japan, Peru: No to terrorist demands

TORONTO (Reuters) - Showing a united front, Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto and Peru's President Alberto Fujimori vowed at a summit yesterday not to yield to the demands of terrorists holding 72 hostages at the Japanese ambassador's residence in Lima.

The two leaders who met for two hours at the Sheraton hotel in Toronto, pledged to place the highest premium on the lives of the captives and to step up their efforts to seek without delay talks with about 15 Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA) rebels holed up at the residence.

There will be absolutely no release of MRTA prisoners," Fujimori told a news conference immediately after the meeting.

The two leaders strongly condemned the terrorist incident of the seizure of the Japanese ambassador's residence in Peru as an act unacceptable to either government as well as to the international community and reaffirm their determination not to give in to terrorism.

Japan and Peru said in a joint statement.

Hashimoto has been uneasy about Peru's tough line with the MRTA rebels holding the hostages in Lima and about provocative actions by Peruvian police outside the compound.

But he voiced full confidence in Fujimori's handling of the crisis.

Fujimori told a news conference that Peruvian police would not continue their campaign of provoking the rebels.

"I assured him (Hashimoto) such acts will not be repeated," Fujimori said.

Peru's negotiations with the terrorists, who have occupied the residence since Dec. 17, have deadlocked over Fujimori's refusal to consider the key rebel demand that 400 of their comrades be released from Peruvian jails.

"...Prime Minister Hashimoto supported President Fujimori in his rejection of the MRTA's demand for the release of the MRTA terrorists currently in incarceration..." said the joint communique released at the summit.

Yesterday's hastily arranged summit took place amid rising tension in the standoff between Peruvian security forces and the terrorists barricaded inside the residence.

Fujimori, the son of Japanese immigrants, has a hawkish reputation against terrorist movements, built mainly on his record of crushing the Marxist Shining Path rebel movement. He has vowed to wipe out "terrorism" in Peru.

Although his younger brother Pedro is among the group of diplomats, cabinet ministers, generals and security chiefs held captive by the rebels, he has repeatedly sworn not to cave into their demands.

The Japanese and Peruvian leaders will attend a lunch hosted by Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien before leaving Canada later yesterday.

Santer tells politicians 'hands off euro'

From Post news agencies

DAVOS, Switzerland - European Commission President Jacques Santer told politicians yesterday to keep hands off the euro and leave monetary policy to the European Union's central bank when a single currency starts in 1999.

Allying with Germany to champion the European Central Bank's independence from political influence, Santer rebuffed a French proposal to create a stability council as a political counterweight to central bankers intent on battling inflation.

"We on the Commission are of the opinion that we should implement the Maastricht Treaty as is," Santer told reporters at the annual World Economic Forum in Davos.

He said the EU executive would not take a formal position on the French suggestion because it went beyond the 1991 treaty.

"But in my personal opinion the stability council cannot be allowed to affect the independent status of the European Central Bank," he said. "And secondly it can have only an informal character because it is not envisioned in the Treaty."

Key economic experts expressed concerns over the likely stability of the future common European currency.

C. Fred Bergsten, a former U.S. Treasury official, said the relationship between the US dollar and the euro promises to be volatile.

Horst Siebert, president of Germany's Kiel Institute of World Economics, said "there are quite a few" risks facing Europe as it moves toward monetary union next year.

Both economists were featured speakers at the six-day World Economic Forum.

"One troubling matter is that the two important countries of the European Monetary Union, France and Germany, have not yet found a common philosophy on the very essence of the monetary union," said Siebert.

German officials want to keep control of the money supply out of the hands of politicians, but the French regard monetary matters as political concerns that shouldn't be entrusted to "technocrats," he said.

Bergsten said the euro is likely to be a strong currency from the outset.

"It will in fact become the first real rival to the dollar since the dollar became the world's top currency in the interwar period," he said.

Judge ousts black O.J. juror

SANTA MONICA (Reuters) - The judge in the O.J. Simpson civil trial dismissed the only black member of the jury on Friday and ordered the panelists to begin their deliberations from scratch.

A source involved in the trial said the dismissal of the elderly woman after three days of deliberations had nothing to do with the current investigation into allegations of jury tampering that have swirled around the case this week.

The woman was dismissed for failing to disclose that her daughter was a legal secretary in the office of Los Angeles County District Attorney Gil Garcetti, who unsuccessfully prosecuted Simpson on criminal murder charges, the source said.

"She did say that her daughter was a legal secretary but didn't say who she worked for," the source said.

She was replaced by an alternate juror, an Asian-American man in his 30s, a computer programmer who said during jury selection he was "neutral" but believed evidence planting was possible.

The defense in the case has claimed evidence in the case was planted and contaminated and could not be trusted.

The jury is now made up of six men and six women, among them nine whites, one Hispanic, one Asian-American and one person of mixed black and Asian descent. The panel that acquitted Simpson in his criminal trial was mostly black.

A spokeswoman for Garcetti said Fujisaki was informed by the District Attorney's Office on Thursday that the dismissed juror's daughter worked in the office.

"We only learned yesterday afternoon that she was a sitting juror," the spokeswoman said. "We immediately communicated this information to the court."

Bulgarians protest for 27th day

SOFIA (Reuters) - Thousands of festive protesters streamed through central Sofia yesterday on the 27th day of anti-government rallies to press Bulgaria's ruling Socialists to quit and hold elections.

"We think that victory is very close," opposition leader Ivan Kostov told an enthusiastic and cheering throng from the steps of the central Alexander Nevski Orthodox cathedral.

Dispirited Socialists, the ex-communists, are struggling to form a new government amid signs of internal rifts over whether to soldier on despite mass opposition protests or call an election two years early.

They suffered a crushing defeat in presidential elections in November and are widely blamed for an economic collapse in which the inflation rate has hit 50 percent a month and is still rising.

Elected in December 1994, they have until Tuesday to name a cabinet and put it to a confidence vote in parliament. They have had a caretaker cabinet since prime minister Zhan Videnov resigned in December.

Bulgarians from all walks of life poured into the square in front of the cathedral in a party mood to hear popular bands bang out tunes and opposition leaders whip up support.

Whole families joined the rally, which resembled a rock concert as much as a political protest. The square was filled with a sea of Bulgarian white, green and red flags, many upside down in a sign of national distress.

"Communists can't jump," shouted one speaker and the mass of people, including Kostov on the cathedral steps, began to leap up and down.

University students earlier marched through Sofia, taking over key intersections and halting traffic to press their campaign against the Socialists.

Students and opposition supporters have intensified their protests over the past week and carried out acts of civil disobedience, such as blocking roads and railways.

Several thousand people blocked southern road and rail links to Greece for a fourth day. The opposition said it would reinforce the blockades and offered free rides from Sofia.

Mandela rival named acting president

DURBAN (AP) - President Nelson Mandela's main black rival was sworn in yesterday as acting president for a day.

Home Affairs Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party, will be acting president while Mandela and Deputy President Thabo Mbeki attend the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, today.

Mbeki, who is already in Switzerland, returns to South Africa tomorrow and will take over from Buthelezi until Mandela gets back the next day.

The move, announced by Mandela yesterday, appeared to be a conciliatory gesture by Mandela toward Buthelezi, who has complained in the past of arrogance and autocratic tactics by Mandela's governing African National Congress.

"I thank President Mandela for the trust and confidence he has shown in me, even though it is well known that our organizations are in opposition to each other," Buthelezi said after taking the oath of office at government offices in Durban.

Asked by journalists if he planned to make any changes while in office, he said he "would be mad" to do so, the independent South African Press Association reported. Buthelezi, who advocates strong powers for provincial governments to prevent autocratic rule by the central government, will head the country for little more than

Ex-wife held in Gucci murder

ROME (Reuters) - Five people were arrested by yesterday in connection with the 1995 murder of Italian fashion king Maurizio Gucci, including his first wife, police said.

"We confirm that we arrested Patrizia Reggiani Martinelli this morning on suspicion of involvement in the killing," a police official said.

Legal sources said police alleged that Gucci's 49-year-old first wife commissioned the fatal shooting, one of the most mysterious recent killings in Italy.

Gucci, 45, the last grandson of Guccio Gucci who founded the international fashion dynasty, was shot dead in broad daylight outside his office in Milan in March, 1995.

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to resume negotiations as quickly as possible.

Chirac told Levy that the Syrians are willing to examine every proposal that would help bridge the gap between the two countries' positions. Levy said he did not ask Chirac to transmit any message to Damascus, saying he is waiting to hear from the EU special envoy to the Middle East, who visited the Syrian capital last week.

Over the weekend, the US also warned Syria to put a halt to Hizbullah attacks on the IDF in southern Lebanon.

In Washington, a senior administration official would not confirm whether Secretary of State Madeleine Albright spoke with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara on the matter, but said, "We have communicated these views to the Syrians."

Washington is aware that the attack could be linked to recent efforts to bring about a resumption of Israeli-Syrian peace talks, and the US is once again telling Damascus that the link must be cut, he said.

The official added that with Netanyahu coming to the US next week to discuss with President Bill Clinton how to resume the talks, Syria ought to create a better climate by clamping down on Hizbullah.

In a meeting with ambassador to the US Eliahu Ben-Elissar on Friday, Vice President Al Gore expressed sympathy for the three Israeli casualties.

The 20-minute meeting was the first between the two since Ben-Elissar arrived in September. Gore did not say how the administration is working to restart the Israeli-Syrian negotiations, but

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ered the phenomenon in a man who was admitted to Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv for severe head trauma. He was one of 14 coma patients whose relatives agreed to testing with the brain monitor Mayevsky has developed over the past 20 years.

Scientists discovered CSD in hares 50 years ago, and then other rodents, cats, dogs and monkeys were studied. But the higher one goes in the phylo-genetic ladder, the harder it is to stimulate the phenomenon. Until recently, there were scientific studies showing it was "impossible" to create CSD in the human brain.

Mayevsky and his team discovered the phenomenon in a man who was admitted to Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv for severe head trauma. He was one of 14 coma patients whose relatives agreed to testing with the brain monitor Mayevsky has developed over the past 20 years.

The monitor senses inter-cranial pressure, local blood flow, oxygenation, spontaneous electrical potential, temperature and potassium concentration outside the cells. These cannot all be determined simultaneously and in real time by a computerized tomography (CT) or magnetic resonance instrument (MRI) scan but can be using the brain monitor.

Ireland's first divorcee remarries, then dies

DUBLIN (AP) - Just a few days after he remarried, the man who got Ireland's first divorce has died.

The man died Friday at his home in Dublin, according to RTE, the state broadcasting service. The cause of death was not reported.

The Irish Times reported yesterday that the man and his partner had married a few days before he died.

The couple had notified the Registrar of Marriages on Jan. 22 of their intention to marry. The law permitting divorce does not become effective until Feb. 27.

But the man went to court in January to speed up his case, citing his illness. The court granted his divorce Jan. 7.

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National Front seeks fourth town

VITROLLES (Reuter) - France's far-right National Front (FN) party will try to seize control of a fourth town in France in a municipal election today after a campaign scarred by insults, court battles and violence.

The municipal election in Vitrolles, a drab, fast-growing town in southern France where unemployment is far above the national average, pits the FN against a Socialist mayor and a candidate of the government's ruling centre-right.

The election will test the FN's strength almost two years after it won control of its first three towns in France in nationwide municipal elections in 1995 - Marignane, Orange and Toulon.

In those elections, Socialist Jean-Jacques Anglade was elected mayor of Vitrolles by a mere 353 votes over the National Front's Bruno Megret, the deputy to fiery FN leader Jean-Marie Le Pen who wants to expel three million immigrants.

But the Supreme Court scrapped the vote because of irregularities by Anglade's camp, forcing a re-run that has led to a bitter battle in a town that has mushroomed from 13,000 inhabitants in 1975 to 39,000 today.

In the latest sign of campaign nastiness, a court yesterday banned the FN from publishing its newspaper *Allez Vitrolles* (Go Vitrolles), ruling that it contained libelous portraits of Anglade and other Socialists.

The court, in nearby Aix-en-Provence, said local FN leaders would be fined 500 francs (\$100) for each copy distributed.

"This ruling is a new proof that the FN is seeking only one thing: to trick voters," Anglade said.

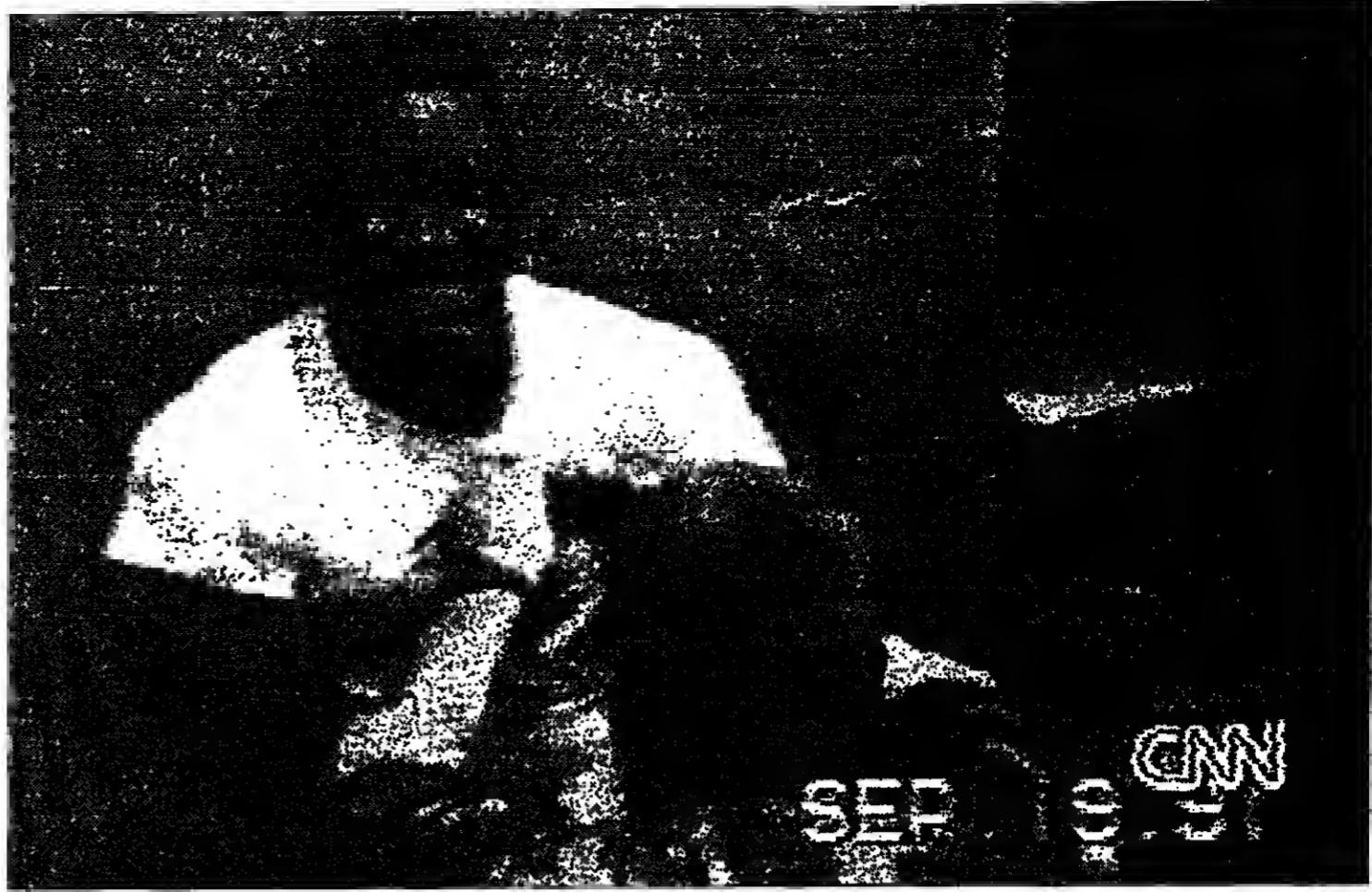
Among a rash of violent attacks, an FN candidate, Gilles Lacroix, was taken to hospital this week after unknown attackers beat him up and left him unconscious in the street. In another incident, Anglade's driver suffered face burns when a pot of glue landed on his head.

And in the FN-controlled town of Orange yesterday, police said that between 1,500 and 2,000 people from anti-FN groups demonstrated in front of the town hall to urge a return to what they called secular and non-racist values.

Pollsters say a low turnout in today's first round in Vitrolles is likely to favour the more motivated FN. If no candidate wins an outright majority, a second round will be held in a week's time.

In a bizarre twist, Megret's wife Catherine is standing in his place because he has been barred from the election for exceeding campaign spending limits. Catherine Megret insists she is "representing" her husband rather than replacing him.

Bruno Megret, who is spokesman for the campaign, has promised the FN would, if elected, fight immigration, tackle crime and bring down the area's 19 percent unemployment.



A US Marine grimaces in pain during a 1991 hazing incident by an elite paratrooper unit, in which jump wing medals are beaten into men's chests in so-called 'blood pinnings' as seen in this image from television. (AP)

Marines investigate brutal hazing

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER

WASHINGTON (AP) — US Defense Secretary William Cohen deplored on Friday two incidents in which elite Marine Corps paratroopers had the pins on their golden jump badges beaten into their chests. He said there would be "zero tolerance" of such hazing.

The incidents were videotaped by participants. They occurred in 1991 and 1993 and came to light Thursday. The Marines said the hazing was brought to its attention by NBC television. CNN broadcast portions Thursday night.

"Abuse such as this has no place in any branch of the US

military," Cohen told a Pentagon news conference, his first since taking office a week ago. Four-star Gen. John Shalikshvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the military chiefs are dedicated to making sure such behavior no longer occurs.

"The Marine Corps is vigorously pursuing this matter," Cohen said. He said he asked Shalikshvili to meet with the other service chiefs to "communicate very clearly to all who

serve that we have a zero tolerance policy." Cohen said there had been about 80 hazing incidents reported in the past three to five years — "80 too many" — but didn't say what they involved.

He said those who engage in such conduct would face "consequences that have to be paid" and those "responsible for maintaining discipline will be held accountable." News of the incidents leaked out Thursday at the Pentagon.

The events involve an elite unit of Marine Corps paratroopers, who primarily are trained for reconnaissance and scouting duty.

The paratroopers earn golden pins upon completion of 10 training jumps, and such individuals evidently were the ones taped in the incidents.

Marine Corps spokesman Maj. Scott Campbell said the Marine Corps has viewed the tapes. About 30 Marines are seen in the 1991 tape, and most have been identified.

Campbell said about 10 have been interviewed by investigators. About nine of the Marines involved remain on active duty, he said.

Because the Marines prohibit such hazing activities, Lt. Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm has been put in charge of the investigation, Campbell said. Wilhelm is the commander of US Marine Corps operations in the Atlantic, located at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Campbell said no disciplinary action has been taken because the investigation was only opened early this month.

A military source who viewed the tapes called them "sickening" and said, "They just keep beating those pins things into them." Campbell, asked about the tapes, said "There are victims in the tapes, and there are perpetrators." Campbell said none of the Marines involved in the investigation apparently required medical attention after the incidents occurred.

Fifty-two Marines have been sent to trial by court-martial and at least 34 others have received nonjudicial, or administrative, punishment for hazing or improper initiation-type activity in the past several years, Campbell said. The punishments in those cases ranged from reduction in rank to forfeiture of pay to bad conduct discharges, he said.

6th century BCE statues found

NICOSIA (Reuter) - Archaeologists in Cyprus unearthed several immaculately preserved statues of lions and sphinxes on Friday which they said dated from the 6th Century BCE.

"Our team was working on maintaining the wall of a royal tomb there this morning and they found two lions, over life-sized,

and a sphinx in immaculate condition," director of Cyprus Antiquities Department Demos Christou told Reuters.

"They were made around the 6th Century BCE. They are archaic, made of limestone," he said of the finds at Tamassos, the site of an ancient kingdom 20 km southwest of the capital Nicosia.

Museum officials said two

more statues of lions and another sphinx were found later on Friday.

"If we are lucky we will stumble across something this precious once every 20 years," said one researcher.

Tamassos, a settlement believed to date from around 1200 BCE, was one of 11 to 13 ancient inland kingdoms on Cyprus.

Dreyfus documents to be auctioned

PARIS (AP) — A Paris auctioneer plans to offer documents related to France's infamous Dreyfus Affair for bidding on the Internet.

The auction, to be held at Drouot, the central Paris salesroom, features 130 lots of original letters, drawings, newspaper clippings and other documents illustrating the Dreyfus Affair, auctioneer Jean-Claude Binoche said yesterday.

Alfred Dreyfus, the young Jewish army captain falsely accused of treason in 1894, was framed by the military and thrown into solitary confinement on Devil's Island, he was eventually declared innocent.

The Dreyfus trial stirred anti-semitic sentiments that divided France, shaking its democratic roots.

"The affair is the world's most

famous case of judicial error," Binoche said.

The items on sale were amassed over 20 years by a private French collector, and are expected to fetch between 1-1.5 million francs (\$181,000-273,000), Binoche said.

On-line pre-bidding begins Feb. 1 and continues through Feb. 18. The highest bidder for each lot will be invited to participate in the Feb. 19 final round of sales.

S.F. columnist Herb Caen dead at 80

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Columnist Herb Caen, who chronicled his adopted city for nearly six

decades, died yesterday. He was 80. Caen continued to appear sporadically in the *San Francisco Chronicle* even after he was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer in April 1996. That same month,

he was awarded a special Pulitzer Prize for his "extraordinary and continuing contribution as a voice and a conscience of his city." Caen died at Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco early Saturday, the *Chronicle* said in a statement.

"We are deeply saddened by Herb's death," said *Chronicle* editor Bill German. "Our hearts go out to his wife and family, and his millions of fans." His daily collection of local news, gossip, jokes and one-liners amused millions of readers across Northern California as they sat down to their first cup of coffee each morning.

But Caen (pronounced "cane") was perhaps best known for his wistful peacocks to his *Baghdad by the Bay*.

"There is no way to give up on San Francisco, once you have fallen under its spell," he said in his book *One Man's San Francisco*. He wrote of moments "when the wind and the light are right, and the air smells ocean-clean, and a white ship is emerging from the Golden Gate mist into the Bay, and the towers are reflecting the sun's last rays."

"I hadn't realized the depth of the narcissism in this city," Caen once said. "To this day, I think people aren't all that crazy about the gossip or the political stuff — they like the sentimental stuff the best."

A prolific writer, Caen also wrote magazine articles and 12 books about the city, from *Baghdad by the Bay*, to *Don't Call It Frisco*. (The nickname was a pet peeve.) He was credited with coining the term "beatnik." He often took on crusades, such as his effort in the late '40s and early '50s to save the cable cars — which became the city's biggest tourist attraction.

In his later years, detractors said he was out of touch with the city and complained that he wrote too much about the socialites who became his friends. His jokes were sometimes denigrating to women and minorities, and he was accused — wrongly, he said — of using his stature to get free meals and drinks.

But few reporters took the pains Caen did to know their topic. He spent his evenings attending parties, making the rounds of the bars, going to theater openings and opera performances in a never-ending search for items to fill the space.

No matter how tired, he still got to work the next morning at 9:30 a.m., checking out the papers and looking through the messages of his army of tipsters.

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Studying bacteria by genes rather than by microscope

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Australian researcher Professor Bruce Holloway has been studying disease-producing *Pseudomonas* bacteria for decades but when you ask what they look like he can't recall details except to say "they're rod-shaped, like a bacillus, and when you make a culture, they produce a blue or green pigment."

The reason for this is that he "can't remember the last time" he looked at the bacteria through a microscope. "I'm a geneticist who looks at their DNA and studies how they grow and their other biological functions. Today, microscopy is outdated as a major technique to study organisms."

Holloway, a long-time member of the faculty and senior researcher at Monash University and now an honorary professorial fellow, was a guest speaker at the recent annual meeting of the Israel Society for Microbiology, which was held at Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan. Holloway studied botany at the University of Adelaide and was a plant pathologist in the late '40s. In 1950, he was awarded a Fulbright award to do postgraduate work at the California Institute of Technology, where he studied *Neurospora* genetics under Nobel laureate George Beadle. After years of work at Monash, and visiting appointments at the University of California at Berkeley and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he was elected a fellow of the Australian Academy of Sciences and made an Officer of the Order of Australia.

Holloway, who regarded the Bar-Ilan conference as a "world-class scientific event," said that microbiology is speeding the understanding of diseases and their causes on the genetic level. "Previous technologies going back to the '50s didn't allow us to look at the whole genome. That's like being in Tel Aviv without a telephone book, or one that has only 10% of the numbers. You can get by, perhaps, some names and numbers, are present, and some are missing. Now we have ways to reach the whole telephone book - not only



Holloway: Now we have ways to reach the whole telephone book - not only the names and numbers but also the addresses.

the names and numbers but also the addresses. Among the techniques for studying the structure of genes is polymerase chain reaction, a way of magnifying base pairs to make them recognizable, which has been standard procedure for nearly a decade; another technique is pulsed-field gel electrophoresis, in which the genome is split up. "You take the whole gene and split it into pieces, some of them large and some small. Then you put them together again, like Humpty Dumpty or a jigsaw puzzle, and learn much in the process about the genetic makeup."

Pseudomonas bacteria, which cannot be easily controlled by antibiotics, are frequently found in wounds, burns and urinary-tract infections. When a cystic fibrosis patient dies, it isn't due to the genetic lung disease itself, but due to the spread of *Pseudomonas* in the body and overcoming the immune system, he says.

Cancer patients whose immune system is weakened can also succumb to *Pseudomonas* infections, thus the study of how they function and replicate is very important. "They have broad metabolic abilities. I've used them throughout my career. Their applications are not only in medicine - including the development of vaccines and diagnos-

tic tests, and the understanding of bacterial resistance to drugs - but also in biotechnology and agriculture: the genetic techniques we've worked on are also applicable for other types of bacteria as well."

He praises scientists at the Institute for Genome Research in Maryland, for finding out how to look at the entire sequence of a genome (of a mouse, or a rice plant, for example) and to do so in a less-expensive way than before. They cut the genes into 2,000 or more bases, and clone them. Computer software developed at the institute then determines the sequence of the base pairs, costing only 50 cents a pair instead of several dollars under the previous technique. The institute's scientists then put their new data on the Internet, sharing it with fellow researchers.

"But knowing the sequence is only the beginning; you need to know biological functions as well, and some organisms have a few thousand of these," notes Holloway. The study of plant genes will become as important as the analysis of human genes, he predicts.

Holloway was never tempted to become a physician and deal with patients directly. "I'm a scientist who joined the field of genetics at an opportune time, when the whole subject was exploding with interest and growing. But today, I would hesitate to encourage all bright young people to go into science. Governments around the world are cutting back on funds for research. In the current economic situation, I think only the best should go into science to become first-class professionals. There won't be enough jobs for all science graduates at this rate."

Holloway continues that if you look at the success rates of research grants, the picture is depressing. "Sadly, only about 20 percent of applications are accepted, and many good people are being forced to leave science in the US, Britain, Australia and other countries. Some of them go into information technology, while others do their master's in business administration or become lawyers. In Australia, there's a combined science and law degree aimed specially at people who want to go into the field of patents."

Patients' Rights Law shows reduced faith in doctors

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

It's ironic that at a time when medical success has reached new heights - saving patients whose conditions would have been regarded only a decade ago as hopeless - the public no longer regard their physicians as omniscient. Medical negligence lawsuits are on the upswing, patients don't accept every word doctors say and they often request a second opinion even if they're clearly on the way to recovery.

The Patients' Rights Law, which went into effect in August after some 20 years of deliberations in the Health Ministry and Knesset, has brought physicians down from their pedestals and mandated extensive consultation with patients. "This is a reflection of the consumer age and increased awareness of individual rights," says Professor Jonathan Halevy, an internist and director-general of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital. "This induced legislators to initiate and pass the bill."

Early one morning, he recently convened a clinical conference in the hospital's Steiweg Auditorium, which was nearly packed with white-coated doctors and nurses eager for more information on the highly demanding law, of which there are few in the rest of the Western world. Although Halevy regarded some parts as "problematic," he stated that it had "far and away more positive implications than negative ones."

However, many hospitals and clinics haven't yet fully discussed implementation with their staffers and even the ministry hasn't issued all the necessary guidelines and arrangements.

It seems that so far not a single lawsuit has been filed by a patient claiming his rights were compromised by medical staffers violating the law. But Halevy believes it inevitable that these suits will be filed, and that the courts will set down the applied limits of the law as it appears on paper. "This law affects our daily work," the director-general told his staff, "and we are trying to inculcate it so it becomes second nature to you."

The first section of the law requires the staff of all medical institutions - from the director-general to the maintenance worker - to "protect the honor and privacy" of the patient. This, said Halevy, has always been a by-word for any doctor or nurse, but nevertheless, having it put down in black and white "educates" all those in contact with the patient.

Another section requires medical institutions and individual doctors to treat "unconditionally" any patient in an emergency, whether he has money or a health-fund referral slip or not. Since the only major department Shaare Zedek lacks is neuro-

surgery, patients needing such treatment are transferred to another hospital, but only on condition that moving them would not cause them any harm. One may, of course, not discriminate against any patient on the basis of religion, sex, race, nationality or any other reason.

A problematic section, said Halevy, deals with the requirement to provide "proper" medical treatment, whether professionally or in terms of human relations with the patient. The language of this section is subjective and open to commentary. The spacious two-decade-old complex, although currently in excess of its regular capacity, doesn't keep patients in the corridors. But the emergency room in peak periods does have several beds together without a divider between them. "This is the economic reality in Israel," said Halevy, noting that the Patients' Rights Law did not include additional funds to implement it.

It goes on to require all hospital staffers to wear identifying name tags so that patients can know who's treating them; this statement by Halevy caused some staffers' hands to rummage over the front of their white coat, and some of them were in fact without the required tag.

The new law gives all patients the option of seeking a second opinion from another professional, requiring the medical institution to copy personal records for the patient to show elsewhere. "We may be insulted, but being told of the desire for another opinion must not change our attitude to the patient or his family." In addition, every discharged patient must be provided with a summary of his condition for passing on to his personal physician.

HAVING VISITORS to the hospital has become a right for all patients; the hospital director may, however, set down visiting hours. Halevy disclosed that Shaare Zedek instituted a liberal visiting policy recently, but that visits by extended families to patients' bedsides had elicited some complaints by their neighbors. If a disturbance is created, the guard may ask them to reduce their numbers or to leave altogether, Halevy said.

One of the most controversial aspects of the law is the patient's informed consent. Since patients' activism is increasing and doctors' paternalism is on the decline, physicians may no longer carry out medical procedures without asking for permission. No reason - the patient's "low intelligence," cultural or language boundaries or lack of time - is a legitimate excuse for not doing so.

"The time when a group of doctors and medical students spent 10 minutes around a patient's bed discussing his case - using English thinking he wouldn't understand

(and often the patient speaks better English than the doctors) - without saying a word to him is gone," Halevy said. "You have to offer a reasonable explanation of the diagnosis, prognosis, alternatives for treatment and their usefulness, as well as whether the treatment is experimental." And the explanation must, by law, be offered as early in the process as possible so the patient can weigh his options.

Special forms are being prepared at Shaare Zedek for each type of procedure, rather than the standard consent form that has been used up to now for some treatments. Consent may be given orally, except in the following complicated procedures: *in-vitro* fertilization, catheterization, dialysis, any operation except for minor surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

If the patient refuses treatment needed to save his life or prevent permanent handicap, a hospital ethics committee can be convened to discuss the case. A patient can name a proxy to act on his behalf. (The Health Ministry hasn't yet issued official nomination of ethical committee members in the hospitals, but these are expected.) But if no consent has been given and the situation is an emergency, the doctor can proceed if he is certain that the benefits outweigh the risk and that the patient would have consented if able.

All medical treatment must be documented in writing and in detail, Halevy said, and the copies are the property of the patient. In addition, quality-control committees should be established to investigate any suspicion of errors or bad judgments; however, since these are aimed at improved medicine rather than as evidence for lawsuits, their findings are kept secret by the institution, unless they discover data that wasn't included in the medical records.

The law also stipulates that all staffers protect the privacy of patients; if a physician wishes to document the case in a medical journal or in speaking with others, he must not provide details that would personally identify the patient.

Some doctors in the audience were less enthusiastic than Halevy about the law: one cynical professor asked "When will there be a doctors' rights law?" and insisted that the new legislation puts many burdens on physicians and creates "estrangement" between them and their patients. Another staffer asked whether the law backs up patients asking who their surgeon (assigned by a rota system) would be. Halevy said he didn't think the law was clear about this, but that he personally advocated such an approach, since a surgeon's relationship with a patient "is very intimate." But he noted that the Israel Medical Association strongly opposes providing such information.

Rx FOR READERS

Don't worry, Mom - it's safe to eat chicken necks

By Post Health Reporter

My mother always tells me not to cook necks of chickens, but to throw them out. She claims the birds are injected with antibiotics when they're alive, and that these drugs concentrate in the neck and can thus be dangerous. Is this true? M.Z., Tel Aviv.

Dr. Robert Singer, chief veterinarian of the Health Ministry's Food Service Division, replies: "Eating chicken necks is completely safe. Poultry are susceptible to diseases, thus they are given antibiotics. In 99 percent of cases the drugs are given together with their water or food, and not as

injections - can you imagine how much work it would be to inject each bird with antibiotics? In any case, when poultry need individual treatment for an infection, they are almost invariably injected in the breast rather than in the neck.

We are very careful to ensure that at least a week or two pass between the time poultry breeders give their birds antibiotics and other drugs and the time of slaughter. This gives time for the drug to disintegrate and leave the body. The drugs are mostly the same type of antibiotics taken by humans, but in very small quantities.

The Agriculture Ministry conducts an annual check of some 7,000 birds to check for drug

residues in poultry; it rarely finds them. The Health Ministry conducts checks two or three times a year of poultry in the market. We find drug residues infrequently; if there are some, they occur more often in turkeys, which are more susceptible to diseases and slaughtered when they are older.

High concentrations of antibiotics in poultry could cause allergic reactions in people who eat them only if they are sensitive. But I repeat that only minimal concentrations are found, and then only infrequently. So you can tell your mother it's completely safe to eat poultry necks.

My husband, going on 77 and weakened by several operations,



Poultry usually get antibiotics with water or food, and not as injections. (Haim Waisman)

gets every now and then big black blisters in his mouth and under his tongue. They cause no pain (only uneasiness), but develop into a wound; then it's over, until the next time. No doctor or dentist has found the cause or nature of the ailment, and it was suggested that, on the next recurrence, a biopsy be performed, which we dread. On cable TV, I saw advertisements for a device called Nono that is supposed to heal acne on the face and herpes inside the mouth. No doctor or dentist we asked has heard of the device and thus cannot recommend its use. What should we do? H.H., Haifa.

Prof. Alice Markizcu, an expert in oral medicine at Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem's

Ein Kerem, comments:

It's impossible to diagnose conditions without seeing the patient. But from our description, and your husband's age, it's possible that he suffers from immune dermatosis, a systemic disorder that can present such symptoms as recurring black blisters in the mouth. I strongly recommend that he goes to a hospital department of oral medicine. Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer has one, in addition to ours at Hadassah. Rambam Hospital, which is in your city, has a maxillofacial department, not an oral medicine, but it has the services of an adviser on oral medicine who can be consulted. Because of your husband's age, a partial biopsy can be performed by a special tech-

nique that is not invasive, so you don't have to dread it. I have no idea about the device you saw on cable TV, but I advise against seeking home "remedies" for such symptoms.

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HEALTH SCAN

Watch what you take! You could lose your teeth

By Post Health Reporter

Numerous drugs can cause serious swelling of the gums and even irreversible damage, but the drug packages often don't mention such side effects and doctors who prescribe the medications may forget to warn patients in advance. Staff at Rambam Hospital's periodontal and maxillofacial surgery units and the Technion medical faculty say that awareness of this phenomenon can prevent tooth loss.

Writing in *Harefuah*, the journal of the Israel Medical Association, the doctors note that gingival hyperplasia (swelling of the gums) is a pathological condition that can damage the periodontium, which holds the teeth in place. Periodontal disease is ordinarily caused by the buildup of bacteria that pry the gums from the roots of the teeth, but it can also develop as a result of certain drugs.

Calcium channel blockers, prescribed over the past two decades for various cardiovascular diseases and hypertension, are known to cause gingival hyperplasia - appearing a month or two after the patient starts taking the medication. The drug-induced condition has been found in an average of 20 to 25 percent of patients taking calcium channel blockers, but in some studies, the figure was as high as 80 percent. Oral surgery or more conservative treatment can cause the swelling to recede, but it often reappears, the authors note.

Cyclosporin, the anti-rejection drug given to all organ-transplant recipients and vari-

ous autoimmune disorders, can also cause periodontal problems. Preventive treatment, however, can reduce the damage. Another drug that may be involved in this syndrome is diazepam, given to some epilepsy patients. Contraception pills containing female sex hormones can also lead to gum swelling, even though the reduced concentrations have reduced the risk.

The authors advise doctors to refer patients who will receive such drugs to their dentist before they start taking the drug so preventive treatment can be carried out and so patients' conditions are carefully watched. "In extreme cases, in which the

swelling doesn't respond to periodontal treatment or surgery, physicians should consider alternative drugs that don't produce such side effects."

RESPECTING DIFFERENCES

Even young children know what human norms are and often make fun of those who are different. A colorful new children's book, produced in Hebrew and English, has just been published by Jerusalem's Gan Harmony. Located in the Har Nof quarter, the unique kindergarten - founded and directed by Joan Strensky - integrates disabled and healthy children in the same classes.



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Economics over everything

The world we live in is now so driven by economics, business, and finance, sociologists say, that the traditional and less money-grabbing cultural and moral foundations of our civilizations are being undermined. The extent to which this is true is demonstrated by the way world leaders and lobbyists now hawk all their political concerns off to financial and economic conferences, such as the Group of Seven and, this week, the World Economic Forum at Davos in Switzerland. Only when lesser matters such as war and peace and the environment are tagged onto high finance and world marketing do they have any hope of attracting action, it seems.

It is no longer just the "rich world" — the industrialized West — that is caught up in this economic feeding frenzy of "give me growth or give me death." The Asian tigers, the South American tigers, the east European tigers — all want in on the act. There are more tigers in the markets than in the jungles these days. Even European countries like Ireland and Portugal — that seemed to have opted for a more balanced way of life emphasizing alongside "progress" such intangibles as art, culture, family and social interaction — are now more interested in portraying themselves as members of the tiger club than as producers of poetry or paintings. In fact, the forum is likely to be dominated by the latest European Union crisis of confidence — cold feet over the likely stability of the future common European currency, the euro. It is likely that the relationship between this first-ever artificially created rival to the US dollar and the American currency will be stormy and volatile.

In the past, people like UN secretaries-general and concerned development bankers attempted to prick consciences in the First World over the growing poverty gap between it and the Third World. Yesterday, the new UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged the World Economic Forum leaders gathering in Davos to look toward the whole southern hemisphere — not as a place where charitable good works need to be done, but as a center for investment. "The South," said Annan, "is the driving force of economic change and offers you, corporate leaders, unprecedented opportunities." The opportunities, needless to say, are for profit — though whose profit always remains a more murky concept.

The jury remains out on where the relentless drive of the markets is actually leading civilization, especially those underdeveloped civilizations now leaping on the unstoppable bandwagon of the global marketplace. The signs are ominous and the forum would do well to ponder that the drive for billion-dollar profits is more and more often built on cheap labor in the developing countries at the cost of workers' jobs in the developed states. It seems there are poten-

tial social strains here which need urgently to be addressed. Unfortunately, it also appears these concerns remain low on the agenda for the corporate giants, not least in Davos.

It is true, as Annan indicated, that the market has so far reacted to Third World opportunities by concentrating most of its investments in a handful of countries, the "tigers." This has led to undreamed of growth in these states, but left 100 of the world's countries — around half — worse off today than they were 20 years ago. Furthermore, it is a moot point whether the mass of people in the tiger states are any better off either. The recent waves of violent strikes in South Korea seem to indicate a dawning of some home truths on the workers there that the workers of France are already militantly aware of. For a handful of people to become billionaires in the high-tech mass conglomerate world, it is necessary for millions to be downsized. That means unemployed, underemployed, or underpaid, or a combination of all three. On the global scene, the surest sign of a returning 1980s-style greed ethic is the way wealthy countries have been slashing their foreign aid.

The truth is that much past foreign aid was politically motivated by the Cold War, not by First World altruism. Aid was a pawn in the chess game between the First and Second Worlds for allies in the Third. The Second has vanished and profit has replaced aid as the driving force in international financial relations. In the case of sales of dangerous substances and lethal weapons to pariah states like Iran, Iraq, and Burma, profit at any price stands nakedly exposed. It is not coincidental that this forum stirs thoughts of rampant profiteering at any price, since it is being held in a country that has been making unfortunate headlines over its handling of the sordid affair of the Nazis and their victims' wealth.

Notions of money at any price, lack of honesty, and emasculation of morality in the marketplace should provide some fodder for the Davos leaders in between their more ponderous and technical deliberations. Stolen chickens do come home to roost, even if it takes 50 or 100 years. The sins of the colonialist years of the last century are still reaping their toll, especially in Africa, the most wretched continent on earth. It would be more than criminal if the more enlightened and educated world of the near 21 century — as represented by the high-power leaders at Davos — cannot start to construct a more equitable and balanced future for all the citizens of the overcrowded globe. As Annan warned the delegates: "We cannot build peace without alleviating poverty. We cannot build freedom on foundations of injustice. If private enterprise cannot promote both prosperity and justice, it will fail."



The other peace process

Seconds after Noam Friedman opened fire in the Hebron marketplace, images of the shooting, and its aftermath, were already being flashed on TV screens around the world.

The international news media are always poised and ready to record and broadcast violent clashes between Jews and Arabs in the territories. But are they as ready to report on peaceful relations that will be equally inevitable someday?

Just two weeks ago, I spent a day in Ramallah with a group of Palestinian and Israeli educators. Our purpose, in a seminar sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, the Palestinian Peace Information Center and the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel was to examine the way Israelis and Palestinians view one another in preparation for the era of peace.

Even in the face of tragic murders I am convinced we must persevere, involving more and more Israelis and Palestinians in paving that twisting and bumpy road. One of these days — or months, or years — we'll get there.

The job of educators, religious leaders and community organizers is not to bring peace; that is the realm of politicians and diplomats. Our mission should be to get ready for the day their efforts finally meet success by working to establish peaceful relations among neighbors.

The social framework needed for that won't build itself. There is too much fear, too much hatred, too much suspicion on both the Israeli and Palestinian sides of the checkpoint.

At the high school I visited in Ramallah, students and teachers still reeling from last September's violent clashes with the IDF told me that as long as they lived under "occupation" they were not willing to consider the feelings of their Israeli counterparts.

I thought about my daughter who, throughout her army service near Bet El, travelled in cold fear of terrorist attack every one she left or returned to her base.

And I put a challenge to my Ramallah audience: Can you understand that there are two sides to every checkpoint? Are you willing to join with people willing to see beyond the physical barrier

RON KRONISH
of the army roadblocks?

SOCIOLOGIST Bernard Sabella is one of those people. In a recent seminar with Palestinian and Israeli educators held in Jerusalem, he reported on a survey he conducted among his students at Bethlehem University in which he found that their dominant image of a typical Israeli was either a soldier or settler.

On the other hand, he also found some students who were open to having meetings with "other Israelis." Dialogues with groups of these "other Israelis" have actually been going on for years — usually quietly and without publicity. Indeed, they are probably what enabled the Oslo peace process to start rolling in the first place.

Still, despite the dialogues and the meetings, stereotypes and misperceptions persist.

I've heard it said many times that "Palestinians want justice, and Israelis want security." What a ridiculous, false comparison! Both populations' dream of peace includes justice and security — and, no doubt, a wide range of other shared visions and aspirations.

Those of us willing to work together now, in a peace process parallel to the one being conducted by the politicians and diplomats, can find common ground as we begin the delicate process of viewing one another as neighbors instead of enemies.

We can begin with something as simple as the teaching of Arabic. Majid-el-Haj, professor of sociology at the University of Haifa, explained to a conference I sponsored two years ago that the main purpose of teaching Arabic in

Israeli high schools is to prepare students to serve in IDF intelligence units.

Now is the time to think about how to change that concept and push for curricula that will help our young people understand and relate to their Arab peers and neighbors in a new era of peace.

A greater challenge will lie in figuring out how to accept each other's view of contemporary history.

Israelis and Palestinians currently have their own vastly differing interpretations of events; the dates are the same, but the significance is totally different.

Preparing for peace means realizing that we do not have to accept each other's rendition, but we do have to understand that it exists, and learn to "rewrite history" by synthesizing the two viewpoints.

One need look no further than the model of Eastern Europe, when the walls of Communism came tumbling down, to see how propaganda and misinformation can be discarded once it is no longer needed.

Those of us working here in the field of interreligious and intercultural relations see that there are actually two peace processes.

One, featuring the intricate choreography of politicians, diplomats and analysts, captures the headlines. The other, often unnoticed, demands the cooperation of educators and religious leaders, kibbutzniks as well as urban intellectuals, opinion-molders as well as ordinary citizens.

Their combined efforts to build peaceful relations among neighbors will ultimately prove to be every bit as important as the political and economic frameworks already being devised for the betterment of all people in this part of the world.

The seminars in Ramallah and Jerusalem are a start; similar programs are beginning across Israel, and in the Palestinian Authority.

In this "other" process no one will get killed, and so you won't see us up there in the headlines. But quietly, steadily we are working to ensure a better future for all God's children in this region.

The writer, a rabbi and educator, directs the Jerusalem-based Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel.

Russia's role

JAY BUSHINSKY

The installation of Russian S-300 surface-to-air missiles in Cyprus could reduce, if not actually endanger, the Israel Air Force's freedom of action in the eastern Mediterranean.

The missiles' sophisticated radar tracking systems would extend to the flight corridors used by Israeli warplanes operating against suspected Hezbollah and other hostile targets in Lebanon by enabling these sorties to be tracked by Greek Cypriot missile crews or their Russian advisers.

The vital intelligence data might then be relayed to the Lebanese, and, especially, the Syrians as part of an early-warning system that would not only serve their military interest, but also enhance Russia's role in undermining the regional balance of power.

Far-fetched? Not according to Ergun Olgun, the articulate and well-informed political adviser to the president of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Rauf Denktaş.

Nor does it matter whether the S-300's electronic surveillance setups can get a fix on Israeli jets under all circumstances. Any capability of this kind and the attendant intelligence links should evoke concern here.

It is all part of a post-Soviet Russian bid to export the deadly projectiles still being produced by Moscow's military industries to some of the Middle East's most volatile and unpredictable states.

Ha'aretz's astute military affairs analyst, Ze'ev Schiff, recently disclosed that "secret negotiations" are under way between Moscow and Teheran on the manufacture of S-4 surface-to-surface missiles in Iran.

These projectiles' range is 1,600 miles — meaning they could be launched against Israel.

US concern about this irresponsible transaction (which also endangers Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf emirates), also cited by Schiff, is understandable.

The US consequently accused

Parallel to the politicians' intricate dance, others are quietly helping the two sides to view each other as people

Why is a cosponsor of the peace process marketing deadly missiles to the region's most volatile states?

The Russians of violating the international agreement against the proliferation of missiles and missile technology known as the Missile Technology Control Regime.

Moscow's readiness to sell two nuclear reactors to Iran while insisting that they will not be used for military purposes also worries the US. This too poses an ominous threat to Israel.

ANOTHER disturbing aspect of Russia's missile export initiative is that several of its current and potential customers are linked by bilateral mutual defense pacts. Iran has a treaty of this kind with Syria, whose anti-aircraft defense network consists of Soviet military hardware requiring the constant availability of spare parts and technical expertise.

Syria, in turn, has a bilateral military pact with Greece, which is formally and ideologically committed to the defense of the Greek-speaking Republic of Cyprus.

Realists like Ze'ev Ben-Menahem, former director of the Rafael weapons development authority, now with Bar-Ilan University's Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, emphasize that arms manufacturers, including Russia, must export or die. The US, because of its large domestic market, may be an exception to this fact of industrial life.

But Moscow appears to be disregarding its status as a cosponsor of the Middle East peace process inaugurated under Russian and US auspices in Madrid in November 1991.

The fact that the US has upstaged the Russians in the diplomatic arena, making itself the indispensable mediator between Israel, Syria and the Palestinians, hardly justifies Moscow's yes to strike deals with rogue states like the Islamic Republic of Iran, or upset the delicate military status quo in Cyprus.

Whether these are essentially commercial initiatives prompted by "mafia" type agents out for a fast buck (or ruble), or whether they stem from disarray or corruption within Russia's armed forces manifested by the unloading of surplus military equipment, the Russian government should act effectively to stop them — or risk being totally discredited as a would-be peacemaker.

The writer is a foreign correspondent.

POSTSCRIPTS

SHE USED TO BE a homemaker with a nice family life. Then she went online.

She began to spend lots of time in a "chat room," a computer hookup that lets groups of people converse through typed messages. She met new people and the conversations made her feel attractive and interesting.

She spent up to 12 hours a day online. She stopped cooking and cleaning, and playing golf with her husband. Finally he demanded that she pay more attention to him and the couple's two daughters.

"The husband finally said, 'It's either the computer or me.' She chose the computer and divorced him," said psychologist Kimberly Young of the University of Pittsburgh.

That's an extreme case from the hundreds of stories Young has compiled to study "Internet addiction." That's not a formally accepted diagnosis, and not everybody believes in it. But Young says her preliminary study supports the idea that it does exist.

She has come across 396 people she considers psychologically dependent on the Internet, based on criteria used to judge addiction to chemicals or gambling.

Dependent users did things like sneaking online to the middle of the night, calling in sick to work so they could stay home and surf the Net, or using business computers for their own purposes during lunch hours that stretched to three hours.

They were particularly attracted to chat rooms, which Young called alluring and seductive. People can adopt new roles under assumed names, allowing themselves to be obnoxious or sexy, without any repercussions, she said.

Another lure for them was online games that let different users play together, adopting various roles.

That can give a user a sense of power and camaraderie as well as respect from other players, she said.

One person reported spending \$1,400 a month in online charges plus phone calls to people encountered online, Young said.

queen Nefertiti's name can now be dated to 1316 BCE. That confirms standard Egyptian chronology, Manning said.

The work also gives new evidence that a major volcanic eruption on the Aegean island of Thera, also called Santorini, happened in 1628 BCE rather than around 1500 BCE.

Yener, noting the 128-year shift in the date of the volcanic eruption, said that being wrong by that much would be like trying to understand America under Ulysses S. Grant "with the assumption that Russia was ruled by Yeltsin."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"HALITZA"
Sir, — My eye was caught by your caption of January 24, "Shame, spit, and an oversized shoe," concerning the biblical law of *vibum* and *halitza*, that is still practiced by observant Jews, and reflects the historic sense of sacredness, love of family and self-sacrifice of the Torah family laws.

Vibum and *halitza* are not about "shame, spit, and oversized shoes," but about the obligation in ancient times, before insurance and pensions, of the Jewish family to protect the childless widow from abandonment and destitution, by requiring the brother, where feasible, to marry his brother's childless widow.

Ancient laws sometimes create painful problems, mostly because of human frailty. But they also remind us of the role of self-sacrifice in the Jewish family.

MORTON S. BAUM
Ra'anana.

PROMOTING TOURISM
Sir, — Most of us are aware of the fall in tourism and the drop in revenue that it has caused. No doubt people working in the Government Tourist Office are more aware of this than most. However, the steps they have taken to remedy this are not the most effective ones, in my opinion.

I suggested to some people on holiday in Israel that they should visit the Tourist Office in the Central Bus Station in Tel Aviv when they were waiting information. Firstly, they were told that they could not take a small map of Herzliya that they had been looking at; evidently it was the only one they had. Then they were asked for NIS 5 for a map of Tel Aviv. In most countries, tourists are given this type of information for free. In fact they are usually overwhelmed by the literature that is offered. I do not think that this policy will increase the Government Tourist Office's income or the number of tourists.

STANLEY CANNING
Kfar Hana'acabi.

THE MEHITZA AT THE WALL
Sir, — In response to your reader's Letter of January 19, I wish to point out that during World War II, while serving with the British Air Force, I often visited the Wall, and there was no *mehitza* whatsoever. Many of my friends accompanied me and we

ught the experience was wonderful — men and women, Jews and non-Jews, visiting the very special place, standing in awe.

Right after the Six Day War, our family, my late husband, my son and my daughter, also visited this holy place, and there was no *mehitza*. We all felt very close to those many thousands who came during the first weeks after the liberation of Jerusalem, men, women and children.

Our congregation of Progressive Judaism has always felt that families belong together, and the women should not stand huddled in a corner as mentioned in your letter.

HANNAH BRAMSON
Haifa.

REHABILITATING THE SKIN
Sir, — I read with interest A.M. Clarfieid's "That elusive fountain of youth" (January 22) and enjoyed Meir Ronnen's accompanying cartoon in which he depicted an elderly gentleman whose advanced age was depicted by his excessive skin wrinkling.

Clarfieid correctly concludes that organized medicine should concentrate not on improving the quantity but rather the quality of life. Towards that end, we in the dermatology community have realized much success in turning back the hands of time when treating some of the most visible signs of the aging process: wrinkles, brown spots, broken blood vessels and growths. Today, we have in our armamentarium a multitude of cream preparations and invasive and non-invasive surgical procedures that can rehabilitate the skin of the facial cheeks to match the texture and smoothness of the cheeks on another part of the anatomy.

DAVID J. FRIEDMAN, M.D.
Jerusalem.

DISAPPOINTED
Sir, — Having seen the impressive advertisements for the visiting show, *The Tempest*, I decided to pay the steep price and attend.

What I saw was indeed a tempest in a teapot. Perhaps because my expectations were so high, my disappointment was absolute.

I think that if the British Council is going to give its endorsement to productions brought here from England, it should make sure that the level warrants the great fanfare in advertising, and certainly the inflated price. Many Israelis attended and paid extra for simultaneous-translation headsets which made a good deal of noise and would have been disturbing had there been anything happening on the stage we really cared about. I feel cheated, as I am sure do many others who went to the Cameri expecting a treat. Many of them, I might add, left in the interval.

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Russia role

JAY BUSHN

THEN AND THERE



Hebron in 1858. At the rate things change, it would have looked about the same a century earlier. (Pencil and watercolor by Edward Leach)

Does the Orient ever change?

By SRAYA SHAPIRO

The Hebronites are zealous Moslems and would not tolerate Christians among them. They raise excellent grapes but use them only for not-well-done raisins. They raise cotton and produce some soap. And they have an ancient glass works, the only one in Syria. Hebron is the strongest village in the region and is able to arm eight to nine hundred men, who fight Bethlehem — part of whose inhabitants are Christians. The dispute among them has gone on ever since the Arab conquest. Farmers encroach on their neighbors' land, destroy corn, sesame and olive trees, and rob each other's sheep, goats and camels.

This description is by C.F. Volney, a French traveler who visited Egypt and Syria a few years before the French Revolution. A conscientious observer, Volney spent nearly three years in the area and noted his observations frankly. Napoleon made Volney a count, despite the fact that it was partly because Volney had assured him that Acre was poorly defended that Napoleon did not take the appropriate tactics to conquer it.

Volney's account is now obtainable in a masterly Hebrew version by poet Aharon Amir (published by Yad Ben-Zvi and Mossad Bialik, 274 pp.).

The Cairo Volney saw was "still in the 12th century." Dust covered the town all over. People lived among tombs. The narrow streets were packed by men, camels and donkeys. But, so too was Damascus — a city full of camels, horses and mules. The Damascenes, like the Cairenes, hated the Franks (Europeans). "Don't wear European clothes when in Damascus," warns Volney.

In Nablus, a small town on the way to Jerusalem, the inhabitants are zealous Moslems, they do not accept Christians easily. Jerusalem is all in ruins. Rocky hills around it are burrowed by deep canyons. There is little water, a bucket of water is sold for 15 sous. Roads are barely passable. Its 12,000 to 14,000 inhabitants — Moslems, Christians and Jews — are the most

miserable people in the Turkish Empire.

From November to after Easter, Jerusalem is full of pilgrims. Some 20,000 come from Greece and other countries in the East, but only few arrive from Western Europe. From Jaffa they are taken to Jerusalem, braving robbery on the way. They are given free lodging in monasteries, but are expected to leave big donations. They travel in mass to Jericho where they enter the Jordan river nude — men, women and children. Some tattoo their arms, "like savage Indians."

The different Christian communities vie among themselves to obtain control, or some petty privilege over holy places — or to deny their rivals some benefits. The Turkish ruler of the place takes full advantage of this rivalry and is reportedly earning a hundred thousand piastres yearly. In matters of extortion, the Turks vie with the sharpest lawyers in Europe, assures Volney.

The local Turkish ruler lives in a dilapidated house, but would not repair it because, he says, nobody would refund the expense if he is transferred to another town. Words like "anarchy" and "despotism" frequently recur in Volney's account. The government in Syria is vested in a group of armed men who do everything for their own benefit. Among barbarians, explains Volney, the conqueror treats the vanquished as slaves — Romans behaved in such a way, and so did the Greeks. And certainly the Tartars did too, from whom the Turks stem.

The pashas, local governors who represent the sultan, are interested only in money. They fight each other in quiet for power. Justice is delivered by kadis appointed from Constantinople but they have no written texts to guide them and their verdicts are final. The Koran, which allegedly contains the principles of justice, makes no reference to the ruler's duties to the society, assures Volney. In the whole of Syria one does not see a cart or vehicle — surely because people are afraid the men in power would impound any they cast their eye on. Does the Orient ever change?

Hasbro unveils germ-killing toys

Nothing will ever stop toddlers from putting toys in their mouths. But Hasbro Inc. is trying to make it a little safer. The company's Playskool division introduced a new line of 15 "germ-fighting" toys following what it said was an overwhelmingly positive response to a high chair with an antibacterial tray. "Toys are hugged, they're loved, they're chewed on and drooled on," said Anna Dooley, vice president of marketing for Playskool. "But they also roll all over the floor, the dog may take interest in them, they get passed from one child to another."

Like the antibacterial 1-2-3 High Chair introduced last May, the bacteria-busting toys unveiled last January are treated with a mid-January are treated with a process called Microban which permanently bonds tiny germ-killing pellets to plastic or fiber. Microban stops mold, mildew, fungi and bacteria including E coli, staph, salmonella and strep, Hasbro officials said.

Treated toys include the Roll 'n' Rattle Ball, Busy Band Walker and an activity toy shaped like a cellular telephone.

"We've never heard the kind of overwhelmingly positive feedback we have had [with products featuring Microban]," Dooley said. For more than a decade, hospitals have used Microban products including surgical drapes and mattresses and pillow covers.

The antibacterial toys won't eliminate all germs but provide the extra protection consumers want, according to Glenn Cusman, president and chief executive officer of Microban Products Co. of Huntersville, North Carolina.

Not everyone is convinced, however. Physician David Carter said bacteria may eventually become resistant to the germ-fighters, and he questioned the need for germ-fighting toys, saying they may simply tap into parents' fears.

But Dooley said the toys simply provide one more tool for parents to help protect their children. "I don't think it's parents' paranoia; the concern is a real one," she said. "If a toy is covered with gunk, it has to be wiped off — it's common sense." (AP)

ON CAMERA

Hot shots

By DAVID BRAUNER

Big brother is watching with a camera. It can see in absolute darkness and under the most adverse visibility conditions from up to five kilometers away. What shows up is not light, but heat.

Called thermal imaging, the method is being used for civilian surveillance operations in criminal cases, as a tool in the wars against terrorism and smuggling, and in military and naval settings.

In a hypothetical case, a drug-dealing gang is known to use an isolated municipal parking lot as an ideal venue for making exchanges under cover of darkness.

How does a security organization pinpoint the likely vehicles in which the dealers come and go in without arousing suspicion? Using a thermal-imaging device placed kilometers away, it is easy to determine the most recently arrived cars because the wheels and engines will be hot, thus appearing white on the monitor. These are the vehicles to watch.

Last December, a freighter on the Mississippi River lost steerage way and ran into a quayside shopping center at New Orleans. Buildings collapsed. Thermal-imaging cameras were brought in to detect the presence of heat sources from bodies lying underneath the rubble. Fortunately, none were found.

Thermal imaging can also detect residual heat. A slept-in bed or the outline on a carpet of a murder victim removed from the scene of the crime will also show up.

Thermal or heat photography is actually recording infrared waves. The "far" infrared waves, those longer than 1,350 micrometers (millionths of a millimeter), are not suitable for imprinting on film. Only the "near" infrared light of around 700 micrometers, so-called because it is just off or below the red end of the visible spectrum, may be photographed using infrared film.

Near infrared photography has proved itself a valuable tool in a number of fields. In medicine,

because the skin is somewhat transparent, infrared imaging clearly shows up unhealthy networks of veins. (It makes skin look pasty and, therefore, is not recommended for portraits.)

On the battlefield color infrared photography exposes camouflage. Even fresh-cut trees and bushes will show up as brown, while the surrounding living foliage registers as brilliant red. To the eye it all looks green.

In the art world infrared photography is used to detect forgeries, or to determine where paintings have been previously repaired.

In police and detective work, infrared photographs show up powder burns on the clothing of murder victims killed at short range. In the study of invisible inks, and forged documents where the writing has been either mechanically or chemically erased or changed, only an infrared image can "see" through to the underlying layers of the fraud.

Similarly, infrared techniques were used to spectacular advantage in the deciphering of some of the Dead Sea Scrolls. "Some of the parchments had turned so dark with age that the writing on them could not be read. When photographed, however, the ink absorbed infrared, which was strongly reflected by the darkened parchment."

The photographs consequently showed the writing clear and black against a light background" (Chap. 4, "Photography as a Tool," Life Library of Photography).

Kodak manufactures a high-speed infrared black-and-white film and an Ektachrome infrared color film for pros and hobbyists. On the whole, such film stock is not normally available in Israel. However, some local shops like Schwartz's Photo in Jerusalem maintain a limited supply from time to time.

If you personally import a roll or two the next time you are abroad, be sure it doesn't go through any X-ray machines. Because it is far more sensitive to light and heat than ordinary films, store infrared film in the



An early infrared photograph made in near-dark conditions of a 3-D movie audience. (David Brauner)

fridge, and load and unload your camera in total darkness only. Black-and-white infrared film is processed in normal B & W chemistry.

Focusing is tricky because infrared light behaves differently from ordinary light through the optics of a normal camera lens. Most lenses feature a little red indexing mark on the barrel to indicate the needed adjustment

for accurate infrared focusing. Using a small aperture also helps avoid mistakes.

Infrared photography is particularly effective for pictures of distant mountains, green landscapes and seascapes.

Skies come out black and foliage has an unearthly whitish glow. Even the most distance mountains are seen as crystal clear, because all haze is "neu-

tralized." A deep red filter enhances the eerie luminescence of black-and-white infrared photography.

(With thanks to photographer Joel Fishman, Jerry Trompeter of Schwartz's Photo, Jerusalem, and Nonoquest Defence Products, Green Park, Sutton-on-the-Forest, York YO6 1ET, England.)

HEADS 'N' TAILS

Don't worry about your pets going bump in the night

By DVORA BEN SHAUL

Cats and dogs do not, in general, see as well as primates, including humans. But a blind animal usually navigates much more successfully than a blind human or other primate and that is because they make extraordinarily good use of their senses of sound and scent.

Compared to our pets we humans are, if not bearing handicapped, at least practically tone deaf. Both dogs and cats hear far more than we do, they hear with greater acuity, hear a range of sounds that are inaudible to us and have a greater ability to separate out a particular sound amid a cacophony composed of a multitude of noises. But possibly even more important is that sounds mean different things to different species and the reaction of a dog or a cat may be far different from our own. In fact, a dog's reaction may differ greatly from that of a cat when they hear the same sound.

We cannot know for sure just what an animal hears or how it interprets the sound but from behavioral patterns we can see that they do respond in different ways. A reader recently reported that his cat invariably leaps onto the rim of the bath whenever he lets the bathwater out and it begins to swirl down the drain.

The cat becomes agitated and emits a series of yowls as long as the water is draining away. The cat stops as soon as the sound of the escaping water disappears.

The reader says that these yowls are specific to this one particular situation and do not even resemble the sounds it makes when it wants to come inside, go outside or be fed, or calls to the kittens. It is a peculiar noise for this situation alone.

It is hard to say just what triggers this behavior but it is obvious that this sound, made by a vortex of water going down the pipe, does have an effect on the cat and invariably repetitively triggers the same specific reaction.

The same thing is true of many dogs that become agitated by what we consider music.

They will howl at certain notes and run away when others are played. This is somewhat different in different dogs but shared by many. I once had a dog that got completely hysterical whenever I played the harmonica and while most people found it pleasant the dog would begin to bark in great agitation and even try to grab the harmonica with its mouth.

I have no idea what these strange notes represented to the dog but they definitely did disturb the animal.

In the case of cats it also appears that their powers of vocalization are far greater than one would imagine.

One blind musician once claimed that he could identify more than 100 different sounds his cat made.

This seemed far-fetched to most people at the time, but modern voice-print techniques have proven that the range of sounds produced are far greater than was formerly thought.

All of this must mean that dogs and cats, forced to live in the modern world we humans have created, must feel they are surrounded by an almost indescribable din.

Some animal behaviorists have even suggested that the so-called neurotic behavior of some house pets is nothing more than a reac-

tion to noise stress.

The sense of smell is also far more developed in dogs and cats and they quite literally "read" all the information coming to them from this source, however faint it may be.

Scents that we find undetectable are easily made plain to dogs and cats and some chemicals that we can only detect up to about a one-in-50 dilution, they can detect easily at a one-to-1,000 dilution.

This means that these senses are far more important to them than the sense of sight.

But this is not true of every breed and some dogs such as Salukis, Afghans and others called the "sight hounds" do have keen eyesight and rely upon it for hunting.



If this cat were blind, it would be able to cope better than a human would because of its acute sense of hearing.

(Lisa Pleskow)



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Parcells steps down

FOXBORO (AP) — Bill Parcells stepped down as coach of the New England Patriots on Friday, concluding a four-year reign that began in last place and ended at the Super Bowl.

Parcells said in a news conference that he had informed Patriots owner Robert Kraft that he would not renew his contract for another year.

"I do not desire to continue as an NFL coach," Parcells said at a news conference.

Asked whether he could coach another team in the NFL, Parcells said: "I don't know what I'm going to do. If I want to coach, I have to coach here. It's as simple

as that." Parcells' resignation came two days after NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue ruled that the coach's contract with the Patriots prohibits him from working for another NFL team next season unless the Patriots give permission.

The New York Jets, who want Parcells to succeed Rich Kotite as their coach next season, talked with Patriots officials on Thursday.

Parcells read aloud from a letter he had given to Kraft, then thanked fans and players for supporting him. Parcells took the team from last place to the championship game in four seasons.

Cantona keeps United in first

LONDON (AP) — A late goal by French striker Eric Cantona lifted Manchester United to a 2-1 victory over lowly Southampton yesterday as the Reds maintained a one-point lead atop the Premier League standings.

Cantona scored on a right-footed volley off a cross from Ryan Giggs in the 80th minute as Manchester United avenged October's humiliating 6-3 loss to the Saints and extended its unbeaten run to 13 games.

Norway's Egil Olsen had put Southampton up 1-0 in the 11th minute, but Gary Pallister leveled for United eight minutes later.

The victory at Old Trafford leaves the defending league champions with 50 points, one ahead of Liverpool and three in front of Arsenal.

Liverpool moved past Arsenal into second place with a 1-0 victory at Derby, which played most of the second half with 10 men after Darryl Powell was sent off for a violent foul.

Stan Collymore scored the winner in the 75th minute as Liverpool bounced back from its stunning 4-2 FA Cup defeat to Chelsea last weekend.

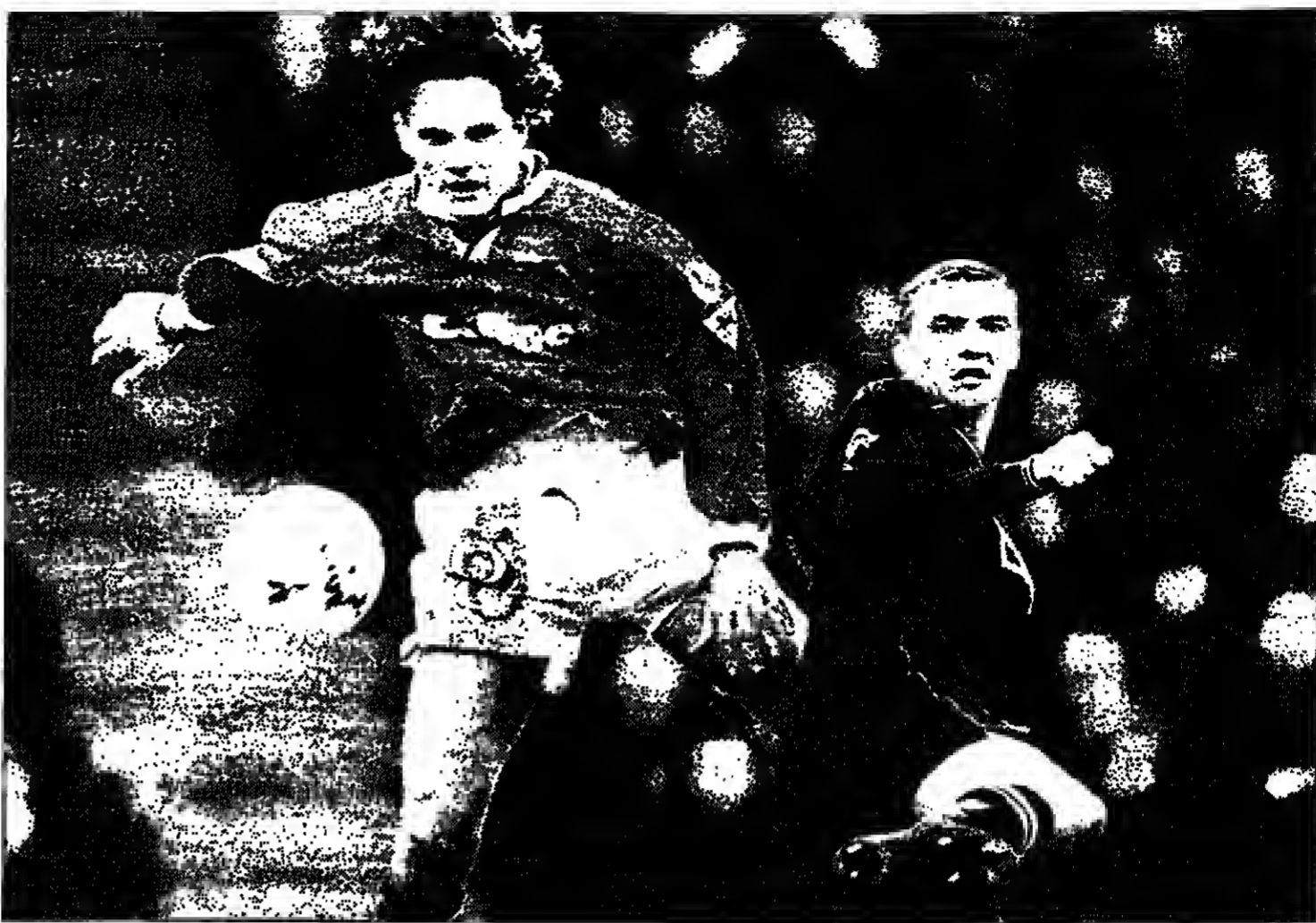
Arsenal dropped to third place with 47 points after settling for a 0-0 tie at Leeds, managed by former Gunners' boss George Graham. Leeds thought it had won the game when Ian Rush put the ball in the net in injury time, but the goal was disallowed for offside.

Chelsea moved into fifth place with 41 points by scoring a 2-1 win at London rival Tottenham. An own goal by Sol Campbell after just 50 seconds gave Chelsea the lead, and Italy's Roberto Di Matteo got the second in the 53rd minute.

Wimbledon dropped into sixth place after playing to a 1-1 tie against bottom club Middlesbrough. After an own goal by Neil Cox in the first half, "Boro equalized through Robbie Mustoe in the 75th minute and squandered a chance to go ahead when Brazilian Emerson missed a penalty.

Aston Villa got its first league win in seven matches as Savo Milošević's first-half goal provided a 1-0 home victory against Sunderland.

West Ham's crisis deepened with a 2-1 defeat at Blackburn,



MY BALL — Wimbledon's Dean Blackwell (right), and Middlesbrough's Mikkel Beck tussle for the ball.

pushing the Hammers deeper into the relegation zone. Kevin Gallacher and Chris Sutton scored for Rangers.

Everton broke its six-game losing streak with a 2-0 win over Nottingham Forest on goals by Duncan Ferguson and Nicky Barmby.

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NBA leaders

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Michael Jordan, CHI	44	1950	30.7	Dennis Rodman, CHI	35	578	16.5
Karl Malone, UTH	44	1158	26.3	Jayson Williams, NJN	30	451	15.0
Shaquille O'Neal, LAL	44	1133	25.7	Charles Barkley, HOU	34	500	14.7
Latrell Sprewell, GSW	43	1104	25.7	Shaquille O'Neal, LAL	44	580	13.2
Scottie Pippen, CHI	43	1028	23.9	Dikembe Mutombo, ATL	41	503	12.3
Hakeem Olajuwon, HOU	40	1000	25.0	Shawn Kemp, SEA	42	485	11.6
Glen Rice, CHI	41	1003	24.5	Karl Malone, UTH	44	483	11.0
Allen Iverson, PHI	38	867	22.8	Anthony Mason, CHA	42	456	10.8
Vinny Del Negro, MIL	38	877	23.1	Patrick Ewing, NYK	42	472	11.2
Gary Payton, SEA	44	975	22.3	Ervin Johnson, DEN	45	479	10.6
Tom Gugliotta, MIN	43	953	22.2	Vin Baker, MIL	39	414	10.6
Kendall Gill, NUN	42	917	21.8	Jay Vasquez, LAC	37	440	10.5
Glenn Robinson, MIL	42	916	21.8	Alonzo Mourning, MIA	43	437	10.2
Reggie Miller, IND	41	883	21.6	Chris Webber, WAS	42	422	10.1
Shawn Kemp, SEA	44	948	21.6	Will Perdue, SAS	43	420	9.8
Grant Hill, DET	44	941	21.4	Popo Jones, TOR	43	427	9.9
Patrick Ewing, NYK	43	877	20.4	Oste Davis, IND	40	397	9.9
Terrill Brandon, CLE	42	847	20.2	Rony Seelyay, ORL	43	413	9.6
Chris Webber, WAS	42	847	20.2	Vlade Divac, CHA	43	413	9.6
Damon Stoudamire, TOR	42	838	20.0	Hakeem Olajuwon, HOU	40	384	9.6
Joe Smith, GSW	43	845	19.7				
Alonzo Mourning, MIA	43	845	19.7				
Charles Barkley, HOU	34	663	19.5				
Scottie Pippen, CHI	44	848	19.3				
Tim Hardaway, MIA	43	845	19.2				
Dominique Wilkins, SAS	31	593	19.1				

STEALS	GP	STL	AVG	ASSISTS	GP	AST	AVG
Eddie Jones, LAL	45	121	2.7	Mark Jackson, DEN	44	547	12.4
Gary Payton, SEA	44	109	2.5	John Stockton, UTH	45	525	11.7
Allen Iverson, PHI	38	97	2.6	Robert Pack, NUN	34	328	9.6
Greg Anthony, VAN	38	97	2.6	Kevin Johnson, PHO	38	297	9.0
Mookie Blaylock, ATL	38	84	2.2	Nick Van Exel, LAL	45	394	8.8
Rick Fox, BOS	41	90	2.2	Rod Strickland, WAS	43	351	8.1
Kerry Kittles, NUN	42	87	2.1	Damon Stoudamire, TOR	42	347	8.3
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Doug Christie, TOR	43	83	1.9	Dikembe Mutombo, ATL	41	293	7.2
Terrill Brandon, CLE	42	81	1.9	Scottie Pippen, CHI	44	289	6.6
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retreated from a 50-point extension of the blue-chip barometer's 16th-rally over the past two sessions. Broader measures ended higher, but also gave back much of their early advance, which was spurred by a big drop in interest rates in the bond market.

despite a Commerce Department report revealing that the economy grew a sizzling 4.7 percent growth in the last quarter of 1996. Analysts had expected fourth-quarter growth of just 3.8% in the gross domestic product.

tion, two factors that could cause the Federal Reserve to hold off on raising interest rates when its policy-making committee meets on Feb. 4.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by more than a 5-to-4 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,414 up, 1,111 down and 812 unchanged.

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NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES: DJ Industrial, DJ Transport, DJ Comp, NYSE Index, NYSE Transp, NYSE Comp, S&P 500 Index, AMEX Comp.

NYSE STOCKS: Unchanged, Advances, Declines, Volumes up/down.

OTHER STOCK MARKET INDEXES: FTSE 100, Nikkei, Hang Kong, etc.

DOLLAR CROSS-RATES (US): Pound, Euro, Japanese Yen, etc.

US COMMODITIES: Cocoa, Coffee, Wheat, etc.

LONDON COMMODITIES: Cocoa, Coffee, Wheat, etc.

(US) COMMODITIES: Gold, Silver, etc.

NEW YORK METAL FUTURE: Silver, Gold, etc.

LONDON METAL FIXES: Gold, Silver, etc.

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC
MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Lars Vogt plays Beethoven's Fifth ("Emperor") Piano Concerto with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra under Menahem Nebenzahl, who also leads the orchestra in the first Israeli performance of Sibelius's Sixth Symphony and of a special arrangement of two of Lodovico Viadana's Sinfonia Musicali. Tonight, tomorrow and Wednesday at the Haifa Auditorium (8:30).

The Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music organizes a special keyboard competition divided into two age categories. The competition takes place in room 221 of the academy which is located at the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem. The first stage for the younger musicians (under 18) takes place today (10 a.m. to 3) while the second stage for this age category takes place tomorrow (11 a.m. to 3). The winners of this age division present a special concert tomorrow (8:30) at the Wise Auditorium of the University.

THEATER
HELEN KAYE

Hostile takeover and asset stripping are the name of the game in *Other People's Money* by Jerry Sterner, a Beersheba Theater production smartly directed by Gad Inbar. Avi Oria is impeccably sleazy as Wall Street shark Lawrence Garfinkle and Bruria Albeck, who plays his attorney opponent Kate and puts him in his place with panache. On the mainstage tonight at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew)

At the Jerusalem Khan, artistic director Ofra Henig has directed Howard Barker's *Scenes from an Execution* called *Anna Galactia* in Hebrew. Anna (Gina Monie in the role of her life) is an artist whose ideas of the truth conflict with that of the authorities. Henig's production is brave and moving. Tonight and through Thursday at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew)

ITALIAN CINEMA SEASON
TOM GROSS

The Jerusalem and Tel Aviv Cinematheques are screening a week-long series of films that aims to show us that after a long period of decline, a new generation of Italian filmmakers are hoping to revive the glory days of the 1960s and 70s. The



Valeria Brundin in 'La Seconda Volta,' tonight at the Jerusalem Cinematheque.

films should be better than the acronym given to the organization co-sponsoring the event - NICE (New Italian Cinema Events), a cultural organization set up in 1990 to promote Italian cinema all over the world.

The series will show a selection of diverse and, for the most part, highly personal newly-made Italian films. And if it goes well the Italian Cultural Institute in Israel plans to turn NICE into an annual event.

Tonight (9:30) marks one of the highlights with the showing of *La Seconda Volta* (1995). It's an intriguing tale of a university professor who, while walking on a Turin street, recognizes the terrorist who tried to kill him 12 years previously.

This is a once-only screening in the presence of the director. (Italian with English subtitles.) The Tel Aviv Cinematheque begins the series on Saturday.

TELEVISION
ELANA CHIPMAN

In *Muppets Tonight* (a new ABC revival of the *Muppet Show*, starting tonight at 7:31 on Channel 1), the Muppets take over a TV station. The show won Emmy awards in six categories last year. A number of new puppets join Miss Piggy, Gonzo, Kermit and friends. Every episode features a human guest star - tonight Michelle Pfeiffer competes with Miss Piggy for attention.

TV

CHANNEL 1

8:30 News flash
8:31 News in Arabic
8:45 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Herzl and Zionism
8:30 Destinos
9:00 Geography
9:20 Nature
9:30 English
9:45 Programs for the very young
10:15 Social Sciences
10:45 Arithmeto
11:10 English
12:00 Mathematics in Daily Life
12:30 Social Sciences
13:00 In the Heat of the Night
14:00 Surprise Train
14:20 Kitty Cat and Tom
14:35 Bazar the Elephant
15:00 Pretty Butterfly

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Motormice from Mars
15:50 Booby - animation
18:00 Gingle
18:25 Northwood
18:45 Super Ben
18:55 Zap to Basel
19:10 New Evening
17:34 Zappy
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Amal and Kana's Studio
18:55 Ramadan program
19:00 News in Arabic

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 News flash
19:31 Muppets Tonight - Kermit and Miss Piggy host
19:35 Second Look
21:30 Personal Story
22:00 The Camera Quintet
22:30 World Soccer
23:00 Verso of the Day

CHANNEL 2

8:15 Today's Programs
8:30 News in Hebrew
8:35 This Morning - with Gabi Gatzit and Rivka Michaeli
9:55 Senora
11:45 Dynasty
12:30 Genie and the Captain
13:00 Open Cards
14:00 Echo Point
14:30 The Top
15:00 The Flintstones
15:30 Dave's World
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef
17:30 Sister Sister
18:00 Roseanne
18:30 Can't Hurry Love
19:00 Crazy Candid Camera
19:15 Backwards - eight friends plan to remake the first blue film in Hebrew
20:00 News
20:30 Dudu Topaz
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FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Dallas
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JORDAN TV (unconfirmed)

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TEL AVIV CINEMA CAFE AMAM

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new series following the adventures of the mythological hero, portrayed by Kevin Sorbo

18:45 Zingara - new record-breaking Argentinian soap, with the stars of Perla Negra
17:30 New York Daze
18:00 One Life to Live
18:45 The Young and the Restless
19:30 Local broadcast
20:00 Perla Negra
20:50 Third Rock from the Sun
21:15 The Single Guy
21:40 Jag
22:30 Law and Order
22:45 Law and Order
00:30 ENG Newsround
1:20 News of 60

MIDDLE EAST TV (unconfirmed)

10:30 Changed Lives
11:00 Lighthouse
11:30 Hour of Power
12:30 Central Messages
13:00 Love Worth Finding
14:00 This Is Your Day
14:30 John Cstean
15:00 The Elephant
16:00 Snowy River
16:55 America's Funniest Home Videos
17:20 The A-Team
18:10 Hunter
19:00 Bob Newhart
19:30 Rhoda
20:05 Cabot's Eyes
21:00 Remington Steele
22:00 Hill Street Blues
23:00 Lou Grant
00:00 Love Connection

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Goodtime Outlaws (1978) - comedy about two hapless cowboys who are fired and decide to take Nashville by storm (85 mins.)
12:00 Heartbeat (1946) - classic comedy with Ginger Rogers (100 mins.)
14:30 Sealing Stars
15:00 Night Stand
Survive (1990) - a father and his children are shipwrecked on an iceberg of Alaska
16:00 Anything to Survive (90 mins.)
17:15 Diamond Swords (1994) - a Nazi flying ace falls in love with a Jewish girl (84 mins.)
18:55 Where are My Children? (1994) - a woman released from prison searches for her lost children
20:25 Night of the Twisters (1995) (pt)
21:00 Tunnel Vision (1985) thriller about a serial killer (90 mins.)
22:35 The Disappearance of Nora (1993) - a woman is discovered unconscious in the middle of the Nevada desert. She wakes to find she has amnesia
1:10 Sealing Stars
1:45 The Heart of the Matter (1986) - a reporter investigates a murder in a wealthy town and suddenly finds himself in danger
2:50 Project Genesis (1993) - a sexy alien and a human land on a distant planet (77 mins.)

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
9:00 Nils Holgersson
9:30 The Center of Things
9:45 Pink Panther Show
10:20 Clarissa Explains It All
10:30 The Center of Things
11:05 Saved by the Bell
11:35 Little University
12:00 Shest-Tus
12:30 Hugo
13:00 Make Believe Closet
13:10 Bernstein
13:20 The Center of Things
14:00 Heathcliff
14:30 Nils Holgersson
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15:15 Pink Panther Show
15:30 My Brother and Me
16:15 The Center of Things
16:30 California Dreams
17:05 Little University
17:30 Kids Olympics, Orlando 1995

DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University - Richard Serra, Composer
12:00 Global Heroes (pt)
18:00 Travelogue in France - Corsica (pt)
18:30 Mushroom Magic, part 3
14:00 Open University (pt)
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22:00 Clean up the Everest region. Over half a ton of trash was collected from the base-camp area alone
21:00 Ozone, Cancer of the Sky - a look at the hole in the ozone layer and how it can expect if its growth is not stopped
22:00 Beyond 2000
22:30 New World: Saving the Planet, part 9 - The Heart of the Forest - Belize
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SUPER CHANNEL

8:00 Talking with

PRIME TIME TV

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18:00 Hugo
18:30 Looney Toons
18:40 Tau Tau
19:00 Mr. Bogus
19:30 Saveroff 007 and a half
20:20 Married with Children
20:30 Roseanne
21:15 Lots and Clark

22:00 Toto the Hero (Belgian-French, 1991) - the reminiscences of a cranky old man reflect the universal story of modern man. With Michel Bouquet (87 mins.)
23:30 The Silence (Swedish, 1963) - dark drama by Ingmar Bergman. Two sisters spend some time in a European hotel. One is a repressed lesbian and the other a possessive mother. With Ingrid Thulin. (85 mins.)

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ACROSS
7 The cleaner coloured, framing the French quack (9)
8 A firm supporter, but a crawler (5)
10 A fan might be there and in a frenzy (8)
11 Once coppers finish, pay out (6)
12 Guided a Spartan queen (4)
13 Carol's after a single number—nothing special (8)
16 The children outside got agitated (7)
17 Have the sheriff's assistants go by ship (7)

20 Corset—an essential for the older person (8)
22 One in seven is from men vying for top jobs (4)
25 A charge made by agitated Tories (6)
26 Still in the minority (5,3)
27 A means of fixing wages (6)
28 The mason, though ill, cheers wildly (9)

DOWN
1 Girl soldiers embracing a carrier (8)
2 Unsophisticated Oriental novelist (8)
3 Settler in America is looking wan (8)

4 Are able to dance, but only for a spell (7)
5 Makes up orders (8)
6 Public relations unity may reveal bias (9)
9 Borne by the female sphinx in spring (4)
14 Augment control on violence (9)
16 They'll support the board (8)
18 Take too much dope and do ever so badly (6)
19 Drink, having the wind up? (7)
21 Row with anybody joining (4)
23 Few irritate when really macho (6)
24 May well be eager to give assent (5)

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